

Israel, PLO to discuss self-government details

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israeli and PLO negotiators will soon begin informal talks on the terms of interim self-government for Gaza and Jericho, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told his cabinet last Sunday.

When the agreement goes into effect one month after it was signed on September 13, formal talks on the details of the Gaza/Jericho first agreement will begin in Washington. Meanwhile, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators will continue informal talks.

Rabin said Israel would make absolutely certain no clauses in the declaration of principles are altered during the coming round.

He said the Israel Defence Forces are preparing plans for the withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho, including plans for several bypass roads which have to be constructed.

According to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators still have to define the geographical dimensions of Jericho, and Israeli politicians and security officials will have to work together to define the boundaries.

Meanwhile, security sources told the cabinet there are indications that PLO chief Yasser Arafat has ordered the terrorist groups in the territories under his command, including the Black Panthers and the Fatah Hawks, to cease their ac-

tivities.

One cabinet minister claimed there have been no attacks by Fatah-affiliated groups in the territories for the past few weeks.

But gunmen loyal to Arafat said on Sunday that they shot dead two armed Palestinians in Jabalya in the Gaza Strip for collaborating with Israel.

The Fatah Hawks said they ambushed two in a car and took their Israeli-issued weapons. Palestinians said the victims were well-known as collaborators with the army and General Security Service.

Several Fatah Hawks burst in to a pro-Arafat meeting in Jabalya, firing in the air, to claim responsibility for the ambush, witnesses said. They displayed an Uzi and a pistol which they took from the dead men.

And according to both Rabin and Peres, an agreement with Syria is not top priority. Cabinet sources said the government does not want to confront the public with concessions in the Golan Heights while it is still trying to swallow the Israeli-PLO agreement.

Rabin informed the cabinet that Japan had promised to provide \$900 million in economic assistance to the territories over the next decade; this is in addition to the \$160 million promised by the Nordic countries, and the \$600 million pledged over the next five years by the European Community.

Vatican ties with Israel may be close at hand

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli and Vatican negotiators have reached an agreement that could soon lead to the establishment of full diplomatic relations.

While the world's attention was focused last week on the signing of a historic Palestinian self-rule agreement by Israeli and Palestine Liberation Organization officials in Washington, members of a special Vatican-Israeli commission put the finishing touches on a historic agreement of their own.

Successfully capping 14 months of negotiations, the commission met Sept. 13 and 14 and agreed on a 14-point agenda for the normalization of relations between Israel and the Vatican, said sources close to the talks.

The agenda includes a provision that the Catholic church will take a stand against anti-Semitism.

Israel's Foreign Ministry acknowledged last Sunday reports of the Vatican-Israeli commission but said the process of establishing full diplomatic relations would be gradual.

Nevertheless, an announcement that the two parties would establish full diplomatic relations is expected within weeks.

Negotiations for normalization of relations have been taking place since July 1992.

Disagreements over a number of technical issues — including taxation, the disposition of church property and the church's official stand on Israel — had held up the negotiating process.

But a major political hurdle was cleared with the signing of the Israeli-PLO accord.

The Vatican has resisted establishing full diplomatic relations with Israel since the state was founded in 1948.

Pope Paul VI visited Jerusalem in 1964, but the Holy See's formal recognition of Israel has always been sidelined by a number of issues, including Israeli recognition of the rights of Palestinians.

In New York, the agreement was welcomed by a spokesman for the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, which represents world Jewry in dealings with the Vatican.

"The question of relations between the Catholic church and the State of Israel has been of greater importance for the standing of the Vatican than for Israel. We, however, welcome it as auguring well for Catholic-Jewish relations," the spokesman said.

On Sunday, Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau left for Italy, where he was due to meet this week with Pope John Paul II.

The meeting will mark the first time John Paul has met with a top Israeli Jewish leader.

According to Israel Television, Rabbi Lau and the Pope are scheduled to discuss anti-Semitism and call for an end to acts of bloodshed committed in the name of religion.

Last week, the Pope made a statement that led some observers to believe that he might visit Jerusalem soon.

Commenting on the self-rule agreement signed by Israeli and PLO officials last week in Washington, the Pontiff said, "With these sentiments of hope, my thoughts cannot help but focus on Jerusalem."

Israeli officials are meanwhile making plans to open 10 embassies or consulates in countries that have recently declared their intention to establish diplomatic ties with Israel.



AT THE WALLS OF JERICHO

Israeli Labor party Secretary-General Nissim Zvili, (above right) himself a former resident of the area, tries to reassure Jewish settlers in the Jericho area during a demonstration opposing the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord. The agreement, which gives autonomy to Gaza and Jericho, brought local Palestinians into the streets in noisy celebrations (below). See related story page 6. [IPPA photo]



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Rabbi preparing to perform brit milah. [David Blumenfeld photo]

Azerbaijan Jews captured on film

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —A Toronto photographer stumbled across a brit milah in the remote mountain republic of Azerbaijan and the dramatic result is one of 30 black-and-white photos he is exhibiting at Holy Blossom Temple until Oct. 29.

"I was on my way to a different house in Kabu with a translator when he said 'there's the rabbi going to another house, something must be going on,'" said David Blumenfeld, 25.

Remnants is an eclectic exhibit. It includes photographs of bearded scholars immersed in their studies in ancient synagogues, a trio of dark-skinned babushkas sitting on a bench, bright-eyed but shy children waiting to go to Israel, and a family gathered around the Shabbat dinner table in Tbilisi.

During his self-financed, three-month visit to six republics of the former Soviet Union, Blumenfeld said he found the Jewish communities in Baku and Kuba in Azerbaijan held the most photographic appeal.

"Kabu is a city with 6,000 mountain Jews. It's an ancient community on the other side of the world. The people have kept their sense of Jewish identity. There is not a lot of intermarriage and the community has kosher food and a rabbi."

Only one Jew during his trip refused to have his photograph taken, a man whose home in Uzbekistan was burned to

the ground during a pogrom. He showed Blumenfeld his burned passport.

Blumenfeld, son of former Toronto residents Charlotte and Morry Blumenfeld, who now reside in Milwaukee, visited Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Lithuania, Georgia and Azerbaijan in 1991. He went to synagogues in Moscow, Minsk, Kiev, Lvov, Vilna, Tbilisi, Baku and Kabu.

By far most of the young people he met in synagogues and Hebrew schools were preparing to go to Israel. Only the older men and women were staying behind.

One of the strongest Jewish communities he visited was in Tbilisi, Georgia. The people in this remote republic were unaffected by the repressive Communist dictums against religion.

One of his hairiest moments in Moscow came when he photographed a memorial meeting held by the anti-Semitic Pamyat party to commemorate the death of the czar. "They didn't know a Jewish photographer was in the crowd," he said.

Blumenfeld went on to Israel himself and photographed the arrival of a Georgian family. These photographs are not part of the exhibit.

All photographs in the current show are priced at \$295.

A graduate of York University in political science, Blumenfeld now works as a freelance photographer. His wife Marci is from St. Louis, Minn. His grandparents are Carl Blumenfeld and Ann Grafstein of Toronto.

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'Harmony' key to Israel's agenda

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — The burning issue on Israel's agenda is to teach all Jews, despite their affiliation, to live together in harmony says the director of development, Seminary of Judaic Studies, Jerusalem.

"We don't need enemies from the outside. If we do not learn to deal with our multiple divisions, we will destroy ourselves," Rabbi Harvey Meirovitch told the opening meeting of the Ontario branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism held recently at Adath Israel Synagogue.

He said that the three possible affiliations in Israel are either Orthodox or ultra-Orthodox, Conservative and secular or non-observant. Of those three possibilities 20 percent are Orthodox, 35 percent Conservative

and 45 percent secular. "It is these divisions that are sparking conflict and tearing the country apart. The big sufferer in all of these tensions is Judaism itself. Instead of religion binding the country together, it is dividing it."

He said that the goal of the Seminary of Judaic Studies which is affiliated with the Masorti movement and the Jewish Theological Seminary is to train rabbis and educators in an approach that combines a commitment to Jewish tradition with a tolerant, pluralistic outlook. Its uniqueness lies in its integration of the traditional study of Jewish sources with a modern, critical methodology. "Our aim is to train educators and rabbis who have a different vision than others."

Norman Stern, president of Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism

explained that Masorti Judaism is a movement based upon the ideals and practices of Conservative Judaism, within the pluralistic framework of modern society. "Our office in Jerusalem has a synagogue on the premises and holds services for tourists, people on sabbatical and students. We are trying to develop programs to educate children and young adults what Israel is all about."

He said that the foundation maintains close ties with various arms of the Conservative movement worldwide, and a strong working relationship with Mercaz-Canada, the Conservative movement's representative in the World Zionist Organization.

Other speakers included Sandi Ironi, who is planning to make aliyah and Norma Rubin of Mercaz Canada.

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Greetings from Irving Abella

As we look towards the New Year 5754, the Jewish community at home and abroad is facing a myriad of challenges. In Canada, we are facing a federal election. During the campaign, important issues will be raised with the respective candidates. We must continue to focus on issues such as the enforcement of all legal means to combat racism and anti-Semitism, the prosecution of Nazi war criminals in our country and support for the State of Israel.

Immigration remains to be a growth industry in Canada. We must strive to stamp out racism wherever it is found and however we can, through government legislation and the building of coalitions.

Those who would taint our society by spewing their poisonous venom must be dealt with by the authorities. A concerted effort must be made to protect our rich and diverse multicultural society, enabling it to flourish and grow.

As Canadian Jews we are fortunate



Irving Abella

and should assess our blessings in relation to our brothers and sisters around the world. We live in freedom, where we can practice our religion fully and with pride and where we are able to participate in the affairs of our nation and make meaningful contributions.

The world picture has changed in ways which one would never have envisioned and the changes have had a direct impact on Jews in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

In the past year Canadian Jewry commemorated the 50th anniversary of the heroic Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, watched in awe as Israel moved closer to peace than ever before with its Arab neighbors, lobbied tirelessly with government agencies in an effort to bring an end to atrocities committed by all sides in the former Yugoslavia and continued our efforts for the release of all Jews in Syria.

On behalf of Canadian Jewish Congress, the national representative organization of Canadian Jewry, we pray that Jews who are not free will find hope this Rosh Hashanah. May the New Year bring an end to bigotry and may it be a year of peace and prosperity.

L'Shana Tova.

Greetings from Consul General

TORONTO — As we embark on the year 5754, we are on the threshold of a new future, one that holds great promise.

Recent developments are a culmination of Israel's unceasing quest for peace. Historically, the Zionist movement and all governments since the creation of the State were ready to compromise for peace. In 1947 the Zionist movement accepted the United Nations Partition Plan. In 1978 Prime Minister Menachem Begin demonstrated Israel's dedication to the cause by signing the Camp David Accords. Today, we are on the verge of another historic moment. We have decided to take the risk and trust the Palestinians. We are ready to live with them if they are ready to live with us.

The government of Israel voted recently to initiate the process toward autonomy for the Palestinians. This is a journey of reconciliation with the Palestinian people, one that will not be easy. It is an interim arrange-



Dror Zeigerman

ment for five years, during which the Israel Defence Forces will remain in strategic locations to protect the Israeli citizens in Judea, Samaria, and

Gaza. Jerusalem will remain the undivided capital of Israel forever. The president of Israel, Ezer Weizman, wrote in his book *The Battle for Peace* that sometimes the struggle for peace is more complicated and more difficult than the struggle in the field of battle.

The State of Israel is ready to take risks for peace because morality and peace are part of Jewish tradition and culture. Peace will bring stability to Israel and will also affect the rest of the world for generations to come. We can be proud of this contribution.

The Jewish communities around the world have a significant role to play at this critical juncture. The support of world Jewry has always been a source of strength in Israel's struggle for survival. At this critical moment Israel needs this support more than ever.

May the year 5754 be a year filled with true peace for Israel and the entire world and the continuing aliyah to Israel of our people.

Burg to address convention

TORONTO — "We are privileged to have as our keynote speaker Dr. Yosef Burg, respected Zionist leader," stated Rabbi Erwin Schild, chair of the Canadian Zionist Federation 7th national convention to be held Nov. 7-8 in Toronto.

Burg, a member of Israel's first Knesset, served in numerous cabinet portfolios over the years until his retirement. Burg will offer his perspective on Zionism — Past and Future.

Over 300 delegates from constituent Zionist organizations across Canada are expected to assemble for two full days of sessions. Kurt Rothschild, national president, noted that "most of the focus of this convention will be on youth and the future leadership of the Canadian Zionist Federation as we head toward the 21st century. We expect participants from universities across Canada." A fund has been established to provide subsidies for students.

Program chair Rabbi Dow Mar-mur of Toronto has assembled a distinguished list of speakers who will develop the convention theme: Zionism for the 90s.

Major General (Res.) Shlomo Gazit, senior research fellow at the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, company commander during the Israeli War of Independence and former Head of Military Intelligence, will focus on the breakthrough of 100 years of conflict

and the beginning of a new era in the Middle East. His address will be open to the community.

David Olesker, founder of the Institute for Countering Anti-Israel Propaganda (ICAP), will examine practical techniques for fighting Arab propaganda on campus.

Dr. Gideon Shimoni, lecturer on Israel/Diaspora relations at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University will speak on the Relevance of Zionism Today.

Eli Eyal, chair of the Organization

RCMP seeking witnesses

OTTAWA — The War Crimes and Special Investigations Unit of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is asking for help in locating witnesses to crimes committed by Nazis and their collaborators in the former Byelorussia during World War II.

Ottawa has also requested help in locating witnesses from the New York-based World Jewish Congress (WJC).

The war crimes unit is investigating Canadian residents who may have been involved in war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the war.

Witnesses are being sought who may have direct knowledge of executions which took place in or near the towns of Pustoch, Makeyevichi and Sovna in Belarus, formerly Bye-

lorussia, involving local police, in 1942 and 1943.

Witnesses, or those who can assist in locating witnesses, are also being sought who may have direct knowledge of executions and burnings in the following villages from 1942 to 1944: Chemelivichi, Zarechi, Koteli, Khatin, Bolshaya Guba/Guba, Vileika, Osovy, all in present-day Belarus.

All information is treated in confidence.

Individuals are asked to contact Bernie Farber, national director of community relations at Canadian Jewish Congress, (416) 635-2883, Cpl. Ken Lavoie at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, (613) 990-8467 or Sidney Gruber at the WJC, (212) 755-5770.

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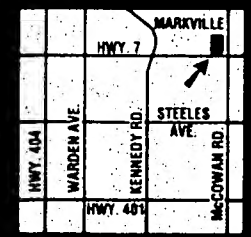
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Ultra-Orthodox, Chassidim help Hogue get nomination

ELECTION WATCH '93

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The Chassidim and ultra-Orthodox played a decisive role in securing the Progressive Conservative nomination for incumbent Jean-Pierre Hogue in the federal riding of Outremont.

Hogue, who is seeking a second term, defeated Judith Lortie-Hinse, chair of the St. Croix School Commission, by a vote of 173 to 123 at a nomination held after the election call.

Hogue assistant Richard Godin estimated that approximately 50 Jews attended the nomination meeting, held in an Armenian church in Outremont.

Hogue has enjoyed a good relationship with the religious Jewish communities in Outremont, which helped him defeat Liberal MP Lucie Pepin in 1988.

Outremont city councillor Sydney Pfeiffer, a member of the non-chassidic Agudah, said he was impressed with the attention Hogue has paid to the concerns of Outremont Jews since he arrived on the political scene. The community has appreciated his efforts to foster positive inter-cultural relations in the area.

Alex Werzberger, a leader of the Satmar community, said, "Basically, he [Hogue] acknowledged that we exist. Other politicians in the past did

not pay much attention to us."

Hogue has continued to be friendly and helpful to the community, Werzberger said.

The Jewish religious communities continue to grow in the city and riding of Outremont (which also takes in the de Vimy/eastern Cote des Neiges district). Werzberger said the latest estimate is that they are between 14-16 percent of the population.

"Outremont is very much a swing riding, and we have the balance of power, although I can't guarantee that everyone will vote [for Hogue]."

The Outremont Chassidim, who once shunned politics, are becoming old hands at the game. Werzberger thinks the Chassidim were responsible for the election of Outremont Mayor Jean Pommerville two years ago (as well as councillor Pfeiffer, a member of the governing party.)

Tension high

When Hogue, a management professor at the University of Montreal, first sought a seat in the House of Commons, the Chassidim were the focus of controversy. Tension between the insular, black-garbed Jews and their French-Canadian neighbors was high. Some of the latter complained about the Jews' increasing numbers, their aloofness toward non-Jews and their disregard for others' peace and property.

At city hall, councillors argued about zoning for synagogues in residential areas.

Werzberger was an alternate and another Outremont resident, Jack Hartstein, a Vishnitzer, was a

delegate at the Tory leadership convention in June in Ottawa. They supported Jean Charest.

Hartstein started looking for someone else to vote for after growing progressively more disillusioned by what he saw as anti-Israel feeling among certain Liberals. His latest disappointment was party leader Jean Chretien's "waffling" on the eve of the Gulf War over military action against Iraq.

Although not a Zionist in the political sense, Hartstein said he cares about the fate of the Jewish homeland.

Hartstein also discovered that the Conservative party was becoming more open to ethnic groups and was not just for "rednecks from the West."

Hartstein, Werzberger and Julius Pfeiffer (Sydney's father) were presented with the federal government's 125th anniversary commemorative medals by Hogue at the Adath Israel-Poale Zedek Congregation in Hampstead a couple of days after the nomination meeting.

Although they supported Charest, Werzberger said Kim Campbell's being a woman should not be a factor in the Chassidim's support for the Conservatives.

"I congratulated her the night of the convention and I have spoken to her since," he said.

Campbell might have some difficulties communicating with ultra-Orthodox men, Werzberger said. For example, she could not address them in the synagogue or shake hands with them.

But if she address a large public rally in Outremont, there should be no problem, he said.

Julius Pfeiffer, however, said he is in a quandary. While he supports Hogue, he feels he cannot vote for Campbell because he does not believe women should be in politics.

B'nai Brith, CJC gearing up for vote

By PAUL LUNGEN and FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — The federal election has been called but it's not just the candidates who are off and running.

From coast to coast, in communities as diverse as Toronto and Timiskaming, members of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada are gearing up for a lobbying campaign to inform the candidates where the Jewish community stands on a variety of issues.

B'nai Brith Canada's election task force, consisting of hundreds of volunteers across Canada, is meeting with candidates for the federal election on a non-partisan basis in a dual attempt to bring the concerns of the Jewish community to the candidates' attention and to educate the Jewish community about the candidates.

The task force, which was established in 1984, is "a real investment in the future," says Paul Marcus, national director of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs and task force co-ordinator.

The group has prepared a booklet of briefing materials focusing on the issues of hate groups and organized hate activity in Canada, multiculturalism, Nazi war criminals, anti-Semitism and minority rights in Europe, Canada-Israel relations and support for volunteerism.

"We want the candidates to make commitments to us [on those issues]," says lawyer Richard Bogoroch, who co-chairs the Central Region task force along with lawyer James Klein.

Bogoroch is careful to point out that the Jewish community also shares concerns with the rest of the population about issues such as the economy. "Every Jew and every Canadian is concerned about the economy and the deficit, but I think it's important that candidates know that there are concerns apart from the everyday concerns," he added that many of the issues outlined by B'nai Brith, such as hate propaganda, are human rights issues, not just Jewish issues.

"I think it's important that members of our community get involved in the political process," says Marcus. He advises voters to attend candidate debates and volunteer their time. "We can never become complacent."

In each of Congress' regions across the country, political liaison committees (PLCs) are preparing to meet candidates and outline the organization's views on issues such as the Middle East, the prosecution of Nazi war criminals in Canada and the place of multiculturalism in the Canadian mosaic.

Ontario, with as many as 40, has the largest number of ridings in which PLCs will be active, said Congress spokesman Mike Cohen. Up to 12 constituencies on the island of Montreal, as well as some in the Eastern Townships, will see PLC activity, the

Montreal-based spokesman said.

The Quebec region is also considering meeting with candidates in the Laurentians near Montreal, where many Jews maintain summer homes. The area has seen an increase in anti-Semitic activities recently, he noted.

In British Columbia, PLCs in Vancouver, Victoria and the Okanagan Valley as well, Cohen said. British Columbia is home to Defence Minister Tom Siddon as well as Prime Minister Kim Campbell, and it is likely that grass roots organizers will request meetings with both, Cohen said.

Daniel Fine, Congress' staffer associated with PLC activities in Ontario, said the Ontario Region is mandated to meet candidates in all areas, except the National Capital Region (Ottawa).

Local organizers are putting the finishing touches to a grass roots mechanism which will see PLCs seek meetings in 15 Metropolitan Toronto ridings as well as in smaller communities such as Niagara Falls, Barrie, Nipissing, Timiskaming-French River, Guelph, St. Catharines, Peterborough, London, Windsor, Kitchener, Kingston, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay.

Fine said that since PLCs are a "grass roots-run program," members of local communities will set up the meetings and meet the candidates. In smaller communities, the PLCs serve the added purpose of giving "people a sense of empowerment and it gives local people a feeling of connection with the [larger] Jewish community."

In the Metro Toronto area, three-member PLCs, usually consisting of people affiliated with each of the three major national parties will meet the candidates. In areas with smaller Jewish communities, the PLC may consist of only a single representative.

Cohen said PLCs will choose the issues they will focus on, but most will limit themselves to three or four key items that may vary depending on the region and the candidates. Should a B.C. committee meet with Siddon, racism in the military would be a likely topic for discussion, he suggested.

After briefing the candidates on the issues, the PLCs will leave behind a briefing book, giving the candidates a handy reference work that outlines Congress' views on several topics, Fine said.

In Ontario, the PLC has three co-chairs: Mel Freedman of Hamilton, Brent Pearlman and Esta Pomotov of Toronto. Freedman is associated with the New Democratic Party, Pearlman with the Liberals and Pomotov with the Tories, reflecting the PLC's all-party slant, Fine said.

In addition to Quebec, Ontario, Ottawa and British Columbia, PLCs are expected to be active in constituencies where there is an established Jewish presence, such as Winnipeg, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John, N.B.

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RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL

Jewish, Palestinian leaders meet in Toronto after accord

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Six hours after last week's historic peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, a first-time meeting was held between local Jewish and Palestinian leaders at the B'nai Brith building in Downsview.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, was joined by six other BB representatives as well as Dror Zeigerman, consul general of Israel, as he welcomed Rashad Saleh, president of Palestine House, and seven other Palestinian Canadians in Arabic and Hebrew.

The atmosphere was one of warmth, not mere cordiality, despite the almost one hour late arrival of most of the Palestinians, who were travelling from Palestine House in Mississauga in rush-hour traffic. The delay prompted one reporter to wonder aloud whether B'nai Brith was being stood up.

On the contrary, the idea originated with the Palestinian group. "We agreed immediately," said Dimant.

The meeting was facilitated by Ben Carniol, a Jewish professor of social work at Ryerson Polytechnic University, who started a grass roots organization known as the Palestinian Jewish Peace Dialogue Group about three months ago.

Carniol's dialogue group is based on the Jerusalem-Nablus Peace Dialogue Group in Israel which "pioneered a method of breaking down stereotypes by working face to face," Carniol told *The C.J.N.* The Toronto group consists of about 15 people who have been meeting in each other's homes. They have two objectives, said Carniol: to address stereotypes of hatred and to support the peace process.

"One of [the Palestinian members'] dreams was to meet face to face with the leaders of a prominent Jewish organization," said Carniol.



Frank Dimant (left) of B'nai Brith Canada, and Rashad Saleh, president of Palestine House, shake hands on the occasion of their first meeting.

Dimant noted that the Canadian Palestinian community and the Canadian Jewish community haven't had bad relations; they simply haven't had any relations.

"We have much in common with our guests," Dimant noted. "We hope this will be the beginning of new meetings." He spoke of working together to deal with hate groups and support multiculturalism. He also suggested a joint delegation to lobby the federal government for assistance.

"We are very happy and ecstatic about the events that took place today," said Saleh. He echoed Dimant's hope that their respective communities would work together in the future. "We suffered from stereotypes of a terrorist organization for the past 25 years. We hope this will help us dissolve this stereotype."

"We hope that our brothers and sisters both in Israel and the future Palestine state will come very soon to a mutual understanding how to solve completely the issue [of] a state beside a state."

The only follow-up to Saleh's premature reference to "the future Palestinian state" was perhaps Zeigerman's statement that "there is still disagreement, but this is not the time to mention it. Let's mention what's in common. When our grandchildren ask us what we did for peace, we'll say, 'I did everything.' We don't want our grandchildren to fight each other but to live in real peace."

Zeigerman and Saleh had already met twice in the past six months in an attempt to foster mutual understanding and recognition.

Elias Hazinhe, president of the Arab/Palestinian Association, noted that members of the Canadian Jewish and Palestinian communities have been meeting for the past six or seven years.

"We are extremely happy [with the peace accord]," he said. "This is a new dawn in the relationship between our communities. Maybe once again the world can look at the Middle East as a source of pride and inspiration."



ZIMMERMAN TAKES OVER

Rabbi Walter Jacob (right) of Pittsburgh, outgoing president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), hands over gavel to his successor, Toronto-born Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman of Dallas, during CCAR convention held recently in Montreal. [Jack Markow photo]

Canadian Liberty Net told to end racist phone line in Vancouver

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The Canadian Human Rights Commission has issued a "cease and desist" order against Canadian Liberty Net, the Vancouver phone network which provides racist information to callers.

The Commission set up a tribunal last year to hold hearings on the matter after receiving complaints from Canadian Jewish Congress immediate past chairman Michael Elterman and Aziz Khaki, of the Committee for Racial Justice.

The tribunal had ordered Liberty Net to stop the messages until a decision was reached. Liberty Net appealed to the Federal Court but the court continued the injunction.

Last week, the Commission, in a 50-page report, said "a discriminatory practice has been substantiated under Section 13 (1) of the Human Rights Act. We consider a cease and desist order to be appropriate in these circumstances."

The report stated further that "we order Derek J. Peterson, the Canadian Liberty Net, by themselves or by their servants, agents, volunteers, co-operants or otherwise anyone having knowledge of this order, cease the discriminatory practice of communicating telephonically... matter or messages of the type complained of in this case, which is likely to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt by reason that that person or those persons are identifiable on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, color or religion."

Ordered the Commission further to

Liberty Net: "In the event that the matter or messages of this type are not currently being communicated, to refrain from such action in the future."

When Canadian Liberty Net was ordered last year to quit giving its messages from Vancouver, the operator apparently moved the service across the border into the United States and it can still be reached by anybody willing to pay for it. How the Canadian Human Rights Commission ruling will affect the operation from the U.S. is not yet determined.

Adjournment opposed

In its ruling, the Commission explained why it did not grant an adjournment of the hearing, as requested by Liberty Net's lawyer Doug Christie. Christie wanted to get assistance from Tony McAlear, who was associated with Liberty Net, but couldn't because he was in jail at the time of the hearing. McAlear had been found guilty of contempt of the Federal Court order, on Aug. 26, 1992, which prohibited the continued operation of the phone line.

Christie had said he needed McAlear to give him assistance in the cross-examination of Rabbi Mordecai Feuerstein. According to Christie, McAlear had been present throughout most of the hearing and had provided him with instructions.

The adjournment was opposed by both Commission counsel and the complainants' counsel. "We did not find credible the argument that McAlear had to be present to hear the remainder of the cross-examination of Rabbi Feuerstein." After two weeks of hearing, it was reasonable to conclude that Christie, "an experienced and knowledgeable counsel in the issue involved in this hearing," should not have depended upon completing the rabbi's cross-examination on factual matters with McAlear sitting at Christie's side to advise him, said the Commission.

When the tribunal denied the application for adjournment, Christie said he was instructed to withdraw from the hearing "and he did." The tribunal "proceeded to hear arguments on behalf of the Commission and the complainants and reserved its decision at the completion of the arguments."

CJC Pacific region past president Elterman said, after receiving the results of the hearing, that "we applauded the decision. The region has been particularly concerned with the proliferation of these hate messages. We appreciate the way in which the Canadian human rights apparatus can work to protect minorities from vilification."

CJC national community relations chairman Hal Joffe, of Calgary, stated: "The decision continues to build case law on the issue of telephone hate lines. Hopefully, it will be useful in limiting the hate-mongers' ability to utilize communications systems to spread their racist messages."

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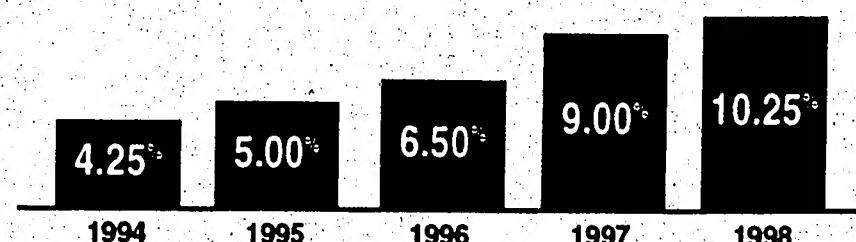
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A Jerusalem shopkeeper arranges a display of a Palestinian flag under an Israeli flag. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Israel denies PLO claims on return of Palestinians

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli officials have denied reports that they have agreed to allow the return of 60,000 Palestinian refugees to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

The reports of Israel's willingness to admit the refugees were made by sources within the Palestine Liberation Organization, which said the refugee question was covered under the self-rule agreement signed by Israel and the PLO.

PLO officials also said that Israel would eventually allow the return of some 400,000 refugees to the administered territories as a whole.

But government officials here have denied both statements.

Last Sunday, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur played down the number of Palestinian refugees who will be allowed to return to the territories under the Israel-PLO accord.

Gur said Israel does not accept in principle the right of Palestinian refugees to return and will not agree to a change in the demographic balance currently in existence within the territories.

He made the statement during a visit to the strategically important Allenby Bridge river-crossing into Jordan, shortly before he joined Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on a one-day visit to Egypt.

Gur did not say how many refugees would be let into the territories under the terms of the agreement with the PLO.

Knesset member Rafael Eitan of the right-wing opposition Tsomet party said the peace deal would amount to a first-stage implementation of the Palestinian right of return.

The PLO has been demanding that

Israel allow the return of all refugees who left the territories following the 1967 war.

The PLO has further stated that all Palestinian refugees from the War of Independence in 1948 should be able to choose between returning to the territories or receiving reparations.

Israel has long objected to even discussing the possible return of refu-

gees who left following or during the 1948 war.

The issue of Palestinian right of return has been a major sticking point in the multilateral round of peace talks dealing with Mideast refugees, which Canada chairs.

The next round of the refugee working group is expected to take place in mid-October in Tunis.

Orthodox Jews tell Jackson to 'beat it'

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Pop superstar Michael Jackson was mobbed by enthusiastic Israeli fans from the moment he arrived here last Friday with a retinue of some 200 assistants, managers, bodyguards and stage hands.

Jackson devotees greeted the singer wherever he went with awe and admiration — until Saturday, when a group of fervently Orthodox Jews gave him a less-than-friendly welcome as Jackson attempted to approach the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City.

The group, finding all the stir surrounding his appearance there unseemly, overturned tables and chairs in an effort to barricade the singer's path before he could reach the Wall.

Jackson turned away from the barricade to avoid a confrontation.

It was the lone sour note during his Israeli sightseeing tour. The visit began Friday, following a 24-hour delay caused by a heavy rainstorm in Moscow, the previous stop on his current world tour.

The teen idol was greeted at the air-

port by two young children of one of his locally hired security guards. They presented him with a basket of apples and honey, the food traditionally eaten on Rosh Hashanah.

In an effort to keep crowds at bay, Jackson's managers said the star would remain at the Dan Hotel — where he had taken an entire upper floor — when he was not performing at the city's Yarkon Park auditorium on Sunday and Tuesday nights.

But within half an hour of his arrival at the hotel, Jackson was soon out and around, going on a shopping spree and taking in some of the country's many sights.

Although it was the second day of Rosh Hashanah, when businesses are usually closed, several stores in the Dizengoff Center here were opened especially for Jackson.

On Saturday, Jackson was helicoptered to the Dead Sea for a sightseeing visit to Masada. On his way back to Tel Aviv, he stopped in Jerusalem for a brief visit, during which the confrontation at the Western Wall occurred.

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NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

SHIMAN — SHAPIRO

Mary Shapiro, of North York, writes me a double header. Her maiden name was Szyman. It seems unique, but it could derive from any one of the following Polish shtetlechs:

Szymany (north east Poland); Szymanow (near Warsaw); Szymanowka (near Ostrowiec); Szymanka (north east Poland); Szymankow (near Kepno in Central Poland).

To narrow the choice will require more research of the place of origin. Another possibility is that it was the given name of the original forbear — Shimon, the second son of Jacob — the first name of Israel's current foreign minister, Shimon Peres.

Shapiro is easier. It derives from the German city of Speyer in Bavaria, a large Jewish centre for hundreds of years.

GILICK

Steve Gillick, the director of Camp Shalom, declares that "Gillick" is the moniker of both Jewish and non-Jewish people. In support of his declaration he cites Mary Gillick, the British artist who designed the Canadian penny, and Pat Gillick, the guiding genius of the Toronto Blue Jays, as non-Jewish bearers of that name. I confirm that Gillick (a variant of Gullick) is an established English surname. It means battle sport.

However, the only eminent Jewish bearer of the name that I can find is my correspondent, but, like him, I am at a loss to discover its origin.

I toyed around with three possibilities:

Gil, the Hebrew for joy (as in Havah Nagila); Gulad, the infamous Russian prison camp; and Heilig (the Jewish word for "holy" which would convert to Geilig in Slavic (where G replaces the aspirate H).

I have a feeling that some of my talented readers can come up with better answers.

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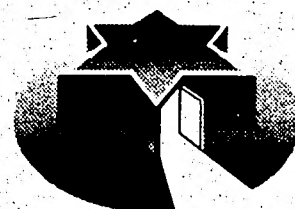
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Nazi-hunters, survivors decry Demjanjuk release

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Holocaust survivors and their supporters are decrying an Israeli Supreme Court decision to allow acquitted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk to leave the country.

Last Sunday, the Supreme Court lifted the restraining order that has delayed Demjanjuk's deportation, bringing to an end his seven-year legal fight against accusations that he was the notorious Treblinka death camp guard, "Ivan the Terrible."

The court at the same time rejected appeals by Holocaust survivors and other petitioners that Demjanjuk be tried for other Nazi war crimes. Demjanjuk's lawyer, Yoram Sheftel, said the retired Cleveland autoworker was waiting for the arrival in Israel of his family, who were expected to escort him back to the United States within days.

News reports said Demjanjuk's son and son-in-law would leave for Israel this week.

Demjanjuk was extradited here from the United States in 1986 to stand trial for war crimes committed as the sadistic gas chamber operator at Treblinka. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1988.

But on July 29 of this year, the Israeli Supreme Court overturned the conviction, saying that there was now reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was the notorious Ivan of Treblinka.

At the same time, the court found there was compelling evidence that Demjanjuk had served as an SS guard at the Sobibor death camp and the Flossenbürg and Regensburg concentration camps.

It was on these grounds that the petitioners, including two Canadians, Prof. Irwin Cotler and legal researcher Ken Narvey, called for a new trial, arguing that Israel had an obligation to see the case through to completion.

With Sunday's ruling, the Supreme Court upheld the recommendation of Attorney General Yosef Harish, who had argued that a new trial would not be in the interest of the state and that a conviction was uncertain.

The decisions provoked anger and charges that the court had damaged Nazi-hunting efforts worldwide.

"Today is a sad day for Israeli justice, for Israel and the Jewish people," said Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's office in Israel and one of the petitioners for a new trial.

Zuroff added that Demjanjuk's

release "is a serious blow to efforts to prosecute the perpetrators of the Holocaust."

"It signals an end of active Israeli involvement in efforts to bring Nazi murderers to justice, although much remains to be done," he said.

Zuroff called on the Israeli government to "make a special effort" to bring to justice Alois Brunner, the lieutenant of Adolf Eichmann, whom Zuroff said was responsible for orchestrating the deaths of 128,000 Jews from Australia, Greece, France and Slovakia.

Brunner lived for years in Damascus under an alias, but his whereabouts now are uncertain.

Zuroff also called for a review and reform of Israeli laws governing the prosecution of Nazi criminals and collaborators so as to preclude the release of other war criminals. Otherwise, Zuroff warned, "the Holocaust will be relegated to the history books."

The way was cleared for Demjanjuk's return to the United States when the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled Aug. 3 that the Justice Department could not bar his re-entry.

Lawyers for the Justice Department subsequently appealed the court's ruling, but on Aug. 31 the Court of Appeals turned down the appeal request.

The following day Attorney General Janet Reno announced that she would not appeal the Cincinnati court's ruling to the Supreme Court.

Following Sunday's Israeli Supreme Court ruling, the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center announced plans to launch a telegram campaign aimed at President Bill Clinton and Reno to ensure Demjanjuk's swift deportation following his anticipated arrival in Cleveland this week.

"U.S. law demands that people who lied about their Nazi past do not have the right to live in our democracy," Marvin Hier, the center's dean, said in a statement.

"We expect to flood the White House with tens of thousands of telegrams to urge them to apply the letter of the law and move swiftly to deport Demjanjuk from this country."

"The real victims in this case are the innocent men, women and children who perished at Sobibor, not the guard who escorted them to the gas

chamber," said Hier.

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, said Demjanjuk's "impending return casts a shadow on the United States."

He added, "We will pursue him by every legal means" available.

Steinberg said he had spoken Sunday with the U.S. Justice Department, which, he said, had decided to allow Demjanjuk into the country on a temporary basis under the attorney general's parole authority.

At the same time, the department intends to pursue whatever legal recourses are available to remove him from the country permanently, Steinberg said.

While some are pursuing legal efforts against Demjanjuk, others are turning to popular protest. Rabbi Avi Weiss of New York, president of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha, vowed Sunday that his group would demonstrate outside Demjanjuk's home in Cleveland.

"We will be at his home in Cleveland when he returns to a hero's welcome, to declare that this man is not a hero but a Nazi," Weiss said in a statement.

In Paris, meanwhile, a French judge has launched an investigation to see whether Demjanjuk should be prosecuted there for crimes against humanity.

Jean Paul Getty was commissioned Sept. 16 to act upon a complaint filed earlier by French Jewish lawyer Arno Klarsfeld. Getty will see if there is enough evidence of Demjanjuk's involvement in the deaths of thousands of French citizens deported to the Sobibor concentration camp in March 1943.

Klarsfeld is one of the lawyers of the Association of Sons and Daughters of Deported French Jews. He is the son of Nazi-hunters Serge and Beate Klarsfeld.

Arno Klarsfeld said his first motivation when filing the lawsuit was to prevent Demjanjuk from stopping in Paris en route to the United States, as it was said he would.

"France is the last place in the world that should agree to have Demjanjuk on its soil even for a stopover between two flights," Klarsfeld said.

"The thought of having him giving interviews to the press here was unbearable to the children and relatives of those he probably helped to assassinate."

No date has been set for the conclusion of Judge Getty's investigation.

Rabin meets with Mubarak in effort to spur peace talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Less than a week after his historic trip to Washington, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin conferred last Sunday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on how best to advance the Middle East peace process.

Rabin's one-day visit to Alexandria was aimed at giving added impetus to the peace process following the agreements Israel signed last week with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with Jordan.

One concern now is how to spur progress in the talks with Syria, which has found itself outside the limelight that is shining on some of the Palestinian and Jordanian negotiating tracks.

The meeting was a continuation of the close contact Rabin has had with Mubarak as the peace process has been unfolding.

The two leaders held a joint news conference at which they expressed optimism about prospects for agreements with Syria, Jordan and Lebanon and for closer ties with other Arab countries.

"I have great hopes that agreements between the neighboring countries and Israel will be concluded, although there are still some difficulties," said Mubarak. "But after this step, I think the other steps will be easier."

"We'll continue our negotiations," said Rabin, "but the key for the future will be in the implementation of at least the first two, three or four months of the agreements that have been reached."

"This will be the sign of success and the capability to move ahead, and to solve the other problems and bring about a comprehensive peace to the region," he said.

"There is a good chance that we shall overcome all the obstacles and difficulties," said Rabin, if the parties to the Israeli-Palestinian agreement keep their commitments, and if the Arab countries and the international community lend their moral, political and financial support.

"Mubarak's relations with the PLO will help to realize the accord with the PLO," said Rabin spokes-

man Oded Ben-Ami. "Until now the agreement has only been signed, but now all the work of carrying it out has to be done."

Prior to Rabin's departure to Egypt, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur, who accompanied the prime minister, said, "We are going to Egypt because Egypt is the biggest Arab country with whom we have peace and they (helped with) the negotiations with the Palestinians."

"I believe that, facing a new era," he continued, "it's logical that the prime minister would meet with the president of Egypt and would discuss all the problems that remain, in order to continue the peace process with other Arab countries."

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is expected to visit the Middle East early next month to help advance the peace negotiations between Israel and Syria.

Meanwhile, he extended an invitation to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to a conference early next month in the United States on economic aid to the Middle East, particularly the Gaza Strip.

Jericho: an oasis in the desert

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERICHO — A picturesque, sleepy town barely touched by the intifada. An island of calm in the stormy waters of the West Bank. If the Gaza strip is as close as one gets to a living hell, then Jericho represents the other extreme: an oasis in the desert, a placid paradise of palm trees and palaces.

These are the images that are evoked by Jericho — one of the first two areas — together with the Gaza strip — where Palestinian self-rule is to be implemented. But the town where 75 percent of Palestinians are said to support the peace accord, according to a recent poll, and the town where residents danced in the streets upon the arrival of Israeli Police Minister Moshe Shahal last week is not as serene as it seems.

Beneath the surface, the Palestinians of Jericho are deeply suspicious. Even the 75 percent who claim to support the accord, the ones who call themselves "moderates" in favor of the peace process, do not feel a sense of euphoria. Instead they are plagued by gnawing doubts. The main one: that the Gaza/Jericho First plan will mark the end, rather than the beginning of Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank.

"Maybe Israel is doing this just to stop the intifada. Maybe the Israelis have no intention of implementing autonomy beyond Jericho and Gaza," suggests Hadaya, a 30-year-old high school teacher who, despite her fears, supports the accord. "We'll have to wait and see."

Some Jericho residents have even greater reason to be doubtful. Their support for the accord is based on terms that Israel can never agree to: a return to the pre-1967 borders, the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, the right of return of all refugees, and the formation of a Palestinian army.

"If this is the first step towards all that then it is a good plan," says Shukri Ibrahim, another self-proclaimed supporter of the agreement. He insists that the accord must lead to an independent Palestinian state with its own army.

"Maybe if this region were like Switzerland we wouldn't need an army. But that is not the case. Israel can re-occupy the West Bank in two hours if we don't have our own army," he contends.

His friend, Subhe Awajni, is more flexible. "What do we need an army for if we have peace and security?"

can't push the Israelis into the sea. Besides they are human too."

He favors a two-state solution. "The West Bank is enough for me. I've had my share of war. I want my children to live in peace," explains the father of two, whose toddler-aged son was injured by gunfire during the intifada. "I want my children to live."

To live in peace, however, is something that will take a long time to learn. At least that is the impression one gets inside Subhe Awajni's home where the scars of the Arab-Israeli conflict are far from healed — despite Awajni's endorsement of the peace process and the accord.

'Arafat is coming'

"Arafat is coming!" chime Awajni's two boys, aged six and four. The younger one, Hamad, offers to let the PLO chairman play in his inflatable swimming pool. The older one, Hassan, is equally hospitable, offering to let Arafat dwell in the family's living room. While Hassan knows that "peace is better than war," his request of Arafat does not entirely reflect this conviction. "I want his uniform and his gun," he says. What does he need the gun for? "To shoot at soldiers because they shot my father." The boy recalls how the army took his father away and how he used to cry at night because he had no father to buy him presents. He steps out of the room and returns a moment later, wearing a police helmet and brandishing a toy pistol. And what if the army goes away? Hassan pauses for a moment, then says: "I'll still need the gun — in case of thieves or Jews."

His younger brother is even more resolute. When asked "what is better — war or peace?" the child blurts out: "War." The parents, surprised, explain that peace is better — and Hamad dutifully changes his answer. But the Awajnis seem mildly amused by their son's response, rather than deeply disturbed. The time has not yet come to re-educate their children. It does not yet seem worth the effort as long as they, the adults, still have their own nagging doubts about the peace process.

"What about Nablus? What about Bethlehem? What about Hebron? The accord is not complete," says Subhe Awajni, adding that he is dubious about the promises of Israeli politicians.

Hadaya, the high school English teacher, says the agreement will give both peoples a way to live in peace. "It is a first step." And the final step? "To take all the cities in the West Bank," she replies. It is an interesting choice of words — the vocabulary of war to describe the aspirations of peace. It brings to mind the well-known saying: "War is diplomacy by other means." But in the case of Hadaya — and other moderate Palestinians — it seems that diplomacy is war by other means.

Indeed the armed struggle is not far from the thoughts of the more moderate Palestinians in Jericho. "If the Jews do not give the Palestinians the West Bank then the intifada will intensify," warns Hadaya.

Ibrahim concurs. "If the agreement is a mistake, then the uprising will be stepped up until Palestine is our own country. The time has not yet come to stop the uprising," he contends.

Awajni, the former intifada activist who was shot by Israeli troops, is less adamant. He believes the uprising should be gradually phased out. "Step by step."

But while the ex-security prisoner argues publicly in favor of the peace process and the accord, he can't shake his private doubts. "I had a dream the other night," he recalls. "I dreamed that Arafat came to Jericho and planted an olive tree. Unfortunately, I awoke too soon. I didn't have a chance to see whether the tree grew or whether it died."

Voice of moderation

Awajni, shot by soldiers during a demonstration, spent four years in prison for intifada-related violence. He was released six months ago. Today the Fatah supporter is one of the more vocal voices of moderation in Jericho.

"Now I believe in negotiations, not violence. I've changed. So has the situation. Once I couldn't dare say in public that I support Fatah (the centrist PLO faction led by Arafat). Today I can. So I am ready to try politics."

Peace, he says, will bring prosperity, a good life, a good future. It's a point he makes regularly in arguments with Jericho residents who oppose the accord and the entire peace process.

Awajni's viewpoint is clearly the prevailing one in Jericho — as evidenced by the ubiquitous wall graffiti. In the rivalry between the green-lettered declarations of Hamas, the red penwork of other rejectionist fronts, and the black calligraphy of Fatah, it is the Fatah slogans that predominate. "Yes to peace: Yes to the accord. Yes to Arafat."

Like most Palestinians who support the accord, Awajni says he no longer dreams of a Palestine that would replace Israel. "Israel is here to stay," he says. "We

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Mexican Jews pin hopes on NAFTA's success

By DAVID LAZARUS

MEXICO CITY — In Mexico, the name of the game is business. And for the Jewish business community, as for Mexican business as a whole, the hope for the future, both in terms of the economy and the heralded new "openness" of Mexican society, boils down to five big letters — NAFTA.

In talks with Mexican business leaders, some of whom included the wealthiest Jewish entrepreneurs in the country, the situation seemed clear. If the North American Free Trade Agreement between Mexico, the United States and Canada does not go through, they warn, the future of Mexico is at stake. Turning the country's notoriously corrupt and undemocratic regime into an open and pluralistic society is a process that has already begun, in part, in anticipation of the deal going through.

Although there are nationalist forces within Mexico who see NAFTA as a perpetuation of American "imperialism" and economic domination, their voices virtually go unheard in this nation of 80 million, where the gap between rich and poor grows wider by the day.

In Mexico, you either have a lot of money, or none at all. When asked whether the Mexican Jewish community was "rich," Israeli Ambassador David Tourgeman replied, "No. They are very rich."

Certainly, NAFTA is being seen as the cure for all that ails Mexico, the magic potion that will not only bring Mexico out of the third world, open markets and bring unprecedented prosperity, but also boost workers' salaries beyond their present negligible levels.

Businesswoman Aliza Chelminsky, the Jewish vice-president of the Mexican Investment Board (MIB), believes free trade is the culmination of a program of sweeping economic reforms begun during the late 1980s when the Mexican government strove to liberalize regulations on foreign investment, revitalize the economy and build busi-

ness confidence among local and international entrepreneurs.

If and when NAFTA is implemented, the MIB says, it will establish "the largest integrated market in the world," encompassing 360 million consumers and a continental Gross National Product topping \$6 trillion (U.S.).

According to MIB information, Mexico's economic revamping has succeeded beyond all expectations, mostly by implementing three basic strategies: stabilizing economic conditions to improve the quality of life and strengthen the economic base; globalizing the market to stimulate market development; and deregulating activities in the private sector to boost capital investment and growth.

And it's true. In only a few brief years, Mexico truly has seen a turnaround. President Carlos Salinas was able to renegotiate the nation's foreign debt from payments of six percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) down to two percent.

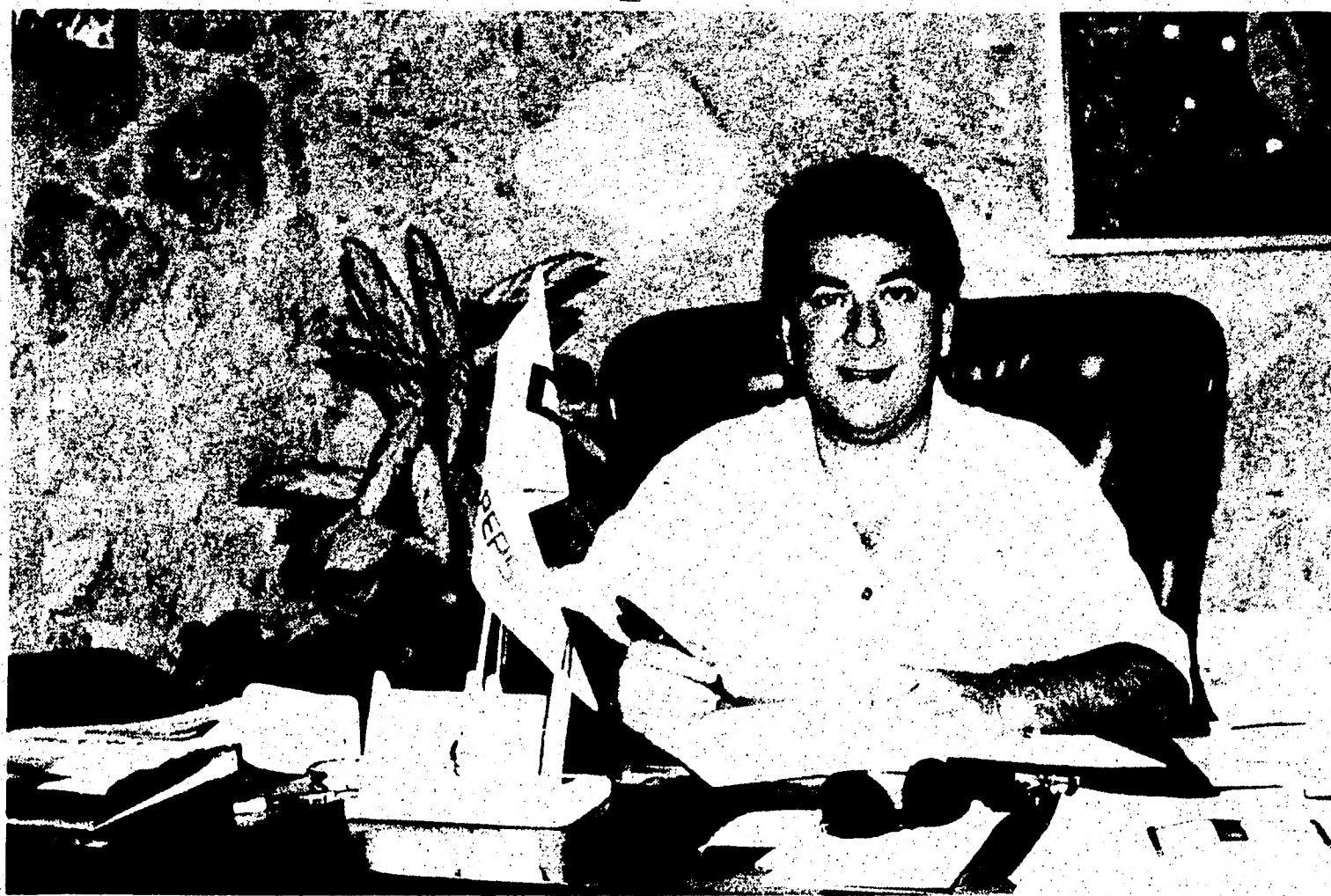
The country's fiscal deficit, almost 12 percent of the GDP during the early 1980s, turned into a tiny surplus by the end of last year.

Chelminsky points to stabilization reforms, implemented through the Pact for Economic Solidarity (known as Pacto), that slashed Mexico's real inflation rate from something approaching the 200 percent mark in 1987-88 to around 10 percent by the end of last year.

Not unsurprisingly, the key to the whole process has been the flinging open of doors to foreign investors. Of those foreign dollars, only two percent is from Canada, compared to 57 percent from the United States.

Mexico became part of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trades (GATT) in 1986. Today, 98 percent of Mexico's import tariff items arrive duty-free. And rates for goods that are subject to tariffs do not exceed 20 percent.

Should NAFTA come into effect next year, few would be happier than Bob Abitbol-Ore, a Jewish Montreal-



Bob Abitbol-Ore

er who moved to Acapulco two years ago with his family at age 44. His father-in-law Enrique Molina, one of Mexico's richest men, offered Ore a position with Pepsi-Mexico, one of 70 Mexican companies Molina operates.

Ore also found a niche for himself as a self-styled promoter of Acapulco and builder of business links between Mexico and Canada, which Ore is convinced Mexico has ignored in favor of the U.S.'s geographical proximity and larger market.

Ore thinks the paltry \$2 billion in trade between Canada and Mexico should be expanded upon. "I have been pushing [for such connections]," Ore says. Through his company Can-Mex, Ore negotiated a deal to supply Quebec-built equipment to help clean up the water in Acapulco Bay and other pollution problems that in recent years have kept tourists away in droves. Ore

says the city is only now starting to regain its reputation as a world-class resort.

In Ore's view, only Canada is best able to furnish the state-of-the-art technology required for water treatment and landfill placement.

As part of Ore's promotion to revive Acapulco's past glory, he is also working on a high-tech "sight and sound" show that will also utilize Canadian high-technology. Ore also hopes to organize a "free trade festival" to celebrate the implementation of NAFTA next year.

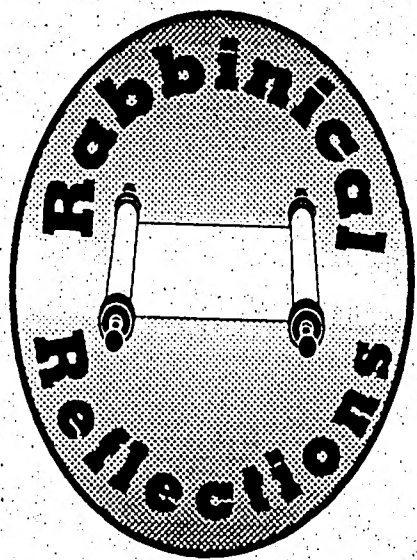
Considering their level of activity in real estate, commerce and the textile industry, Mexican Jews do not hesitate to sing the praises of NAFTA. Richa Rubinstein, an executive with the Mexico City travel agency Viajes Excelsior, thinks the textile industry in particular

will benefit from free trade.

Another big booster of NAFTA is Rafael Romano, the colorful, boisterous owner of Mexico City's popular Hotel del Angel. A man of much charm, Romano is sure that all things are possible under NAFTA.

Rubinstein, for her part, would like to see more Jewish tourism and investment in Mexico, and asked that message be conveyed.

But even MIB officials acknowledge that despite its sales pitch abroad that Mexico offers "internationally competitive labor costs," future social stability within Mexico will depend on the emergence of a real middle class. NAFTA, everyone agrees, will raise wages, but for now the prospect of the average factory worker being able to buy a car seems as distant as the Aztec sun.



By RABBI AARON LEVINE

If one does not know what Yom Kippur is all about, it probably can be one of the most boring and difficult days of the year. It's not easy to fast for 26 hours. It's not easy to daven and be attentive to the services for approximately 16 hours.

I remember when I was principal of a day school in Savannah, Ga., some 20-odd years ago. I sat at services behind a father and his two teenage sons, who obviously knew very little about real Yiddishkeit. The father must have at least remembered Yom Kippur with his own father and was able to contain himself throughout the day. But he constantly fought with his two sons, who really had very little use for shul and who wanted to rid themselves of the burden of suffering through the long, painful and boring services.

I remember how I pitied those who couldn't realize the blessing of being able to participate in the true uplifting spirituality of Yom Kippur. Who, after putting in a day of sincere prayer, devotion and repentance, has not felt the ecstasy and the relief of being free and unfettered of sin? Who, after performing the task of the day, has not been overwhelmed with the sense of purity; with the sense of con-

'Spirituality of Yom Kippur provides relief from sins'

fidence that the New Year will be one of blessing, health and success?

All through the Yom Kippur prayers two themes are constantly being repeated — kapparah (forgiveness), and taharah (purification). Rabbi Luzzato poignantly explains this in the parable of the little boy who disobeyed his father and drank from the forbidden bottle of poison. When the little boy ran to his father begging for forgiveness, his father responded: "I forgive you for disobeying me. But if we don't rush you to the hospital where they will pump out the poison from your body, you will die."

So it is with sin. Firstly we rebel against the Almighty by disobeying His commands. But sin creates a spiritual poison that invades and infects our bodies and souls. We don't easily see physical bacteria with the naked eye. It requires a powerful microscope to see the existence and virulence of destructive bacteria. It takes an equally powerful spiritual microscope to see the equally destructive spiritual bacteria that sin creates. But it's there in full potency.

What an unbelievable kindness it is that Hashem allows us to do teshuvah (repentance) and, at one and the same time, not only forgives the acts of rebellion, but also cleanses us and pu-

rifies us from the poisonous effects of sin.

But one may ask, "Do you really want me to believe that God is concerned with my little sins, or for that matter, even with my mitzvot? He's so busy running the world and its affairs: countries that are waging wars; countries that face starvation, natural disaster, deathly devastating disease; countries whose powerful "isms" are crumbling, and who are in the throes of total reorganization! His nation, Israel, is beset with political problems: peace negotiations without and peace negotiations within, between religious and irreligious factions; with absorbing Russians and Ethiopians."

My rebbe used to always quote a talmudic passage (Taanis, 21a) before Rosh Hashanah just to give us some insight as to how our great tzaddikim (righteous ones) viewed and understood the power of sin. We are not on that level, and Hashem certainly doesn't judge us or demand from us that level of perfection or precision in our fulfillment of His commands. Nevertheless, we shall gain an insight not only about sin, but more importantly, about the power of a mitzvah. For we have an axiom that the midah tovah of Hashem (the reward for good deeds) is five hundred times

greater than the punishment for deeds of sin. (Rashi, Exodus, 34:7; Sanhedrin, 100b).

"It is related about Nachum Ish Gamzu that he was blind in both eyes, his two hands and legs were amputated, and his whole body was covered with boils. He was lying in a dilapidated house on a bed, the feet of which were standing in bowls of water in order to prevent the ants from crawling on to him. One time his disciples wanted to remove him from the house and then clear his belongings from the house. He said to them: 'My children, first clear out my belongings and then remove my bed for I am certain that so long as I am in the house it will not collapse.'

"They cleared out the belongings, then they removed his bed, and the house immediately collapsed. His disciples said to him: 'Master, since you are so righteous, why has all this befallen you?' He replied: 'I brought all this upon myself.'

"Once I was journeying to my father-in-law's house and I had with me three donkeys. One laden with food, one with drink, and one with all kinds of delicacies. A poor man hailed me on the road and said: 'Master, give me something to eat.' I replied: 'Wait a moment until I have unloaded some food from the don-

key.' I did not have a chance to unload the food before the man expired of hunger. I went and laid myself on him and said: 'May my eyes which had no pity on your eyes become blind; may my hands which had no pity on your hands be cut off; may my legs which had no pity on your legs be amputated.' My mind was still not at rest until I added that my whole body should be filled with boils."

"His disciples exclaimed: 'Woe is to us that we see you in such a sore plight!' He replied to them: 'Woe would be to me, if you did not see me like this!'

Nachum Ish Gamzu understood the power of a sin. We don't even understand what sin he committed. He understood what purification is necessary when one stands trial on the Yom Kippur of all Yom Kippurim, the Day of Judgment after death. He understood that retribution in this world is transitory; in the World to Come it is eternal.

Multiply the reward for a mitzvah on a corresponding scale five hundred times and realize the eternal rewards that are due one who repents of sin: one who commits his or her life to observance of Torah and God's commands.

Let's spend the precious hours of Yom Kippur in shul cementing the resolve to accept the resolutions we have been formulating during this High Holiday season to come closer to Hashem. His holy Torah and mitzvah observance. Let's intensify our Torah study; improve our Shabbat and Kashrut observance; send our children to schools where they will receive a proper Torah education; give more tzedakah and do other deeds of chesed and kindness.

Only in so doing shall we experience the ecstasy which emanates from on High as we joyfully listen to the shofar blast that signals the end of our most precious and treasured day of the year!

The News in Brief

Peres Asks for Aid; Beatty Responds

WASHINGTON — Israel has asked Canada to assist Palestinians who will come under self-rule under the new peace agreement. "Canada is known as a country that is willing to help other nations," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty in a meeting between the two shortly after last week's signing of the peace deal in Washington. "We would very much like to see Canada helping the Palestinians because we are convinced that a political achievement without economic support may fail."

Beatty has responded by striking a group within External Affairs and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to come up with money for the development of the Gaza Strip, beyond the \$50 million Canada pumps into the Mideast in development aid each year.

Beatty told *The CJA* that Canada is also considering opening an aid office in Gaza and will offer its expertise in civil infrastructure, such as how to build a police force and local administration.

Beatty, who sat in the front row at the signing, said the ceremony was "tremendously moving and one of the most powerful moments in my life." He later shook hands with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Bronfman Attends Signing

MONTREAL — Businessman Charles Bronfman, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's Board of Governors, represented Canada's Jewish community at last Monday's historic signing in Washington of the peace pact between Israel and the PLO. At a meeting of its national officers, CJC unanimously approved a resolution "supporting and offering best wishes to the State of Israel and its partners in peace in the opening of a new chapter in the history of the Middle East."

Orthodox Academy Opens

EDMONTON — The Menorah Academy, which teaches Hebrew, Torah and secular subjects, opened its doors here late last month. Originally planned as part of the public school system, last-minute disagreements forced organizers to take out a private school license and change locations. The 67 students in kindergarten through Grade 9 are meeting at the Fantasyland Hotel while a permanent venue is arranged. The school was deemed necessary by those who wanted a more Orthodox approach than is offered by the Edmonton Talmud Torah.

New Mikvah for Edmonton

EDMONTON — A new mikvah has been built here in a strip mall owned by the Orthodox Ghermezian family. The mikvah, which apparently will be open to the community, was needed because of the presence of at least ten Orthodox families studying and teaching at Edmonton's new kollel.

Yael Arad in Canada

TORONTO — Yael Arad, Israel's silver medal winner in judo at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, will be in Canada to compete at the World Judo Championships on Sept. 30 in Hamilton. Joining Arad, who recently captured the gold medal at the European championships, will be two male members of the Israeli national judo team — Amit Lang and Moti Green. Lang will vie for a medal in the up to 60 kg category while Green will compete in the up to 71 kg class. Arad competes in the up to 61 kg grouping. Prior to the World Championships, the Israeli team will train and give a demonstration at the Samurai Club, north of Toronto, which is owned by Moni Aizik, a seven-time Israeli judo champion and Arad's former coach at the Maccabi Tel Aviv club where she, as well as Lang and Green, began their careers.

'Piece For Peace' Drive by JSU

TORONTO — The Jewish Students' Union (JSU) of the University of Toronto marked last week's signing of the peace accord by Israel and the PLO with a "Piece for Peace" campaign. Passersby were offered a piece of cake to celebrate the peace accord. The JSU and the New Generation for Palestine (a Palestinian student organization) also announced plans for dialogue in the hope of fostering mutual understanding.

"The Jewish Students' Union stands behind the Israeli people and their government in their pursuit of [peace]," said the student group in a policy statement last week. "We are hopeful that with the signing of the

mutual recognition agreement, we are witnessing the beginning of the end of the violence and hostilities that has historically existed between Israelis and Palestinians."

CJC, Red Cross Hold Talks

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella was in Ottawa recently, heading a delegation that met with officials of the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS). The meeting, the third in a series, was part of a campaign to win support for the admission of Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's version of the Red Cross, into the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (ICRC). The meeting heard that the American Red Cross has asked its Canadian counterpart to help ease the way for MDA's admission but according to Abella, the Canadian Red Cross "will follow its own route," which includes pushing for a new universal symbol. CJC will continue its campaign at the ICRC biannual meeting in Birmingham, England next month.

Danish Rescue to be Marked

CALGARY — The 50th anniversary of the rescue of Denmark's 7,000 Jews during World War II will be commemorated in a joint Jewish-Swedish-Danish ceremony at the Calgary Jewish Centre on Oct. 3. Denmark's Jews were smuggled to Sweden in fishing boats in the fall of 1943 when it was learned they were to be deported by the Nazis. There will be a kosher smorgasbord and speakers representing the three communities.

Blitzer to Speak for UJA

VANCOUVER — Senior Cable News Network (CNN) Washington correspondent Wolf Blitzer will be the keynote speaker at the Oct. 3 United Jewish Appeal launch here. Blitzer, who covers the White House for CNN and is a former Washington correspondent for *The Jerusalem Post*, will discuss "From Washington to Jerusalem."

Hillel House Wins Award

VANCOUVER — Hillel House at the University of British Columbia has won the 1993 William Haber Award in recognition of outstanding programming for the campus's Jewish population. The student organization won the prize, awarded by Hillel International, for establishing "Towards the Year 2000," a series of workshops and seminars on ethical and personal issues facing Jewish students today.

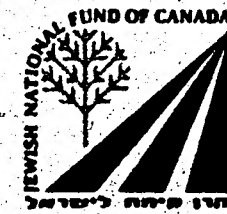
Kohl Promises Action on Racism

BONN — German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is backing a plan for uniform legislation throughout Europe to combat racism and anti-Semitism. And he told a group of visiting European Jewish leaders in Bonn recently that he intends to introduce such legislation himself when Germany assumes the rotating presidency of the European Community next July. Kohl said he wished to meet the delegation again in February to lay the groundwork for such cooperation. The German chancellor, who has been criticized by Jews and others for laxity in the face of increasing violent racist acts in Germany, said he shares the delegation's anxiety over the rise of racism and xenophobia in Germany.

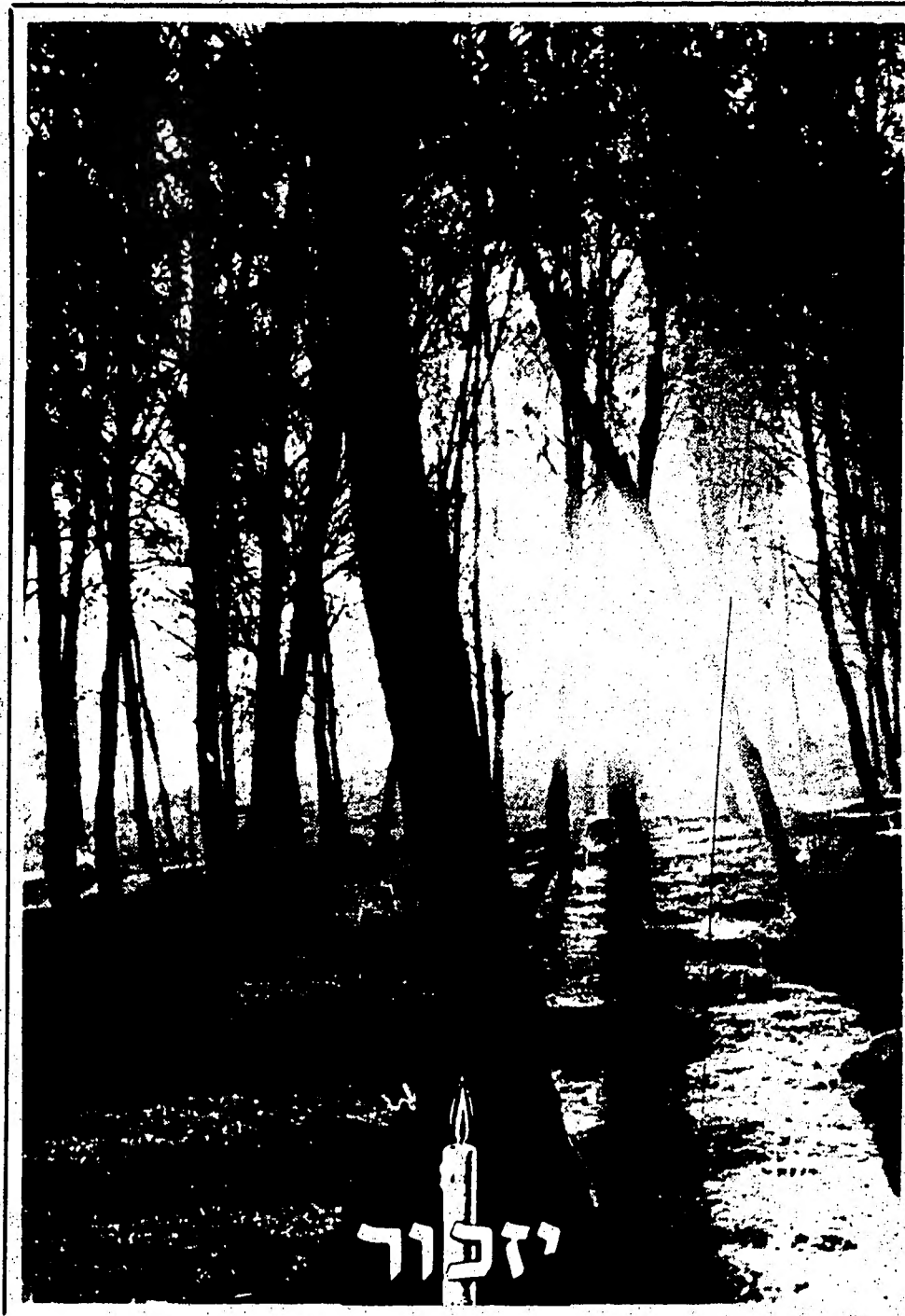
Bruce Teicholz Dies

NEW YORK — Bruce Teicholz, an underground hero of the Holocaust and early immigration to Israel, died here recently after a long illness. He was 79. A native of Lemberg (Lvov), Poland, Teicholz refused a Nazi request in 1942 to become president of the city's Judenrat, or Jewish council, a role that would have forced him to turn Jews over to their deaths. Instead, he escaped and became a partisan fighter against the Nazis. He helped organize the so-called Schweitzer Action to save Jewish children in Poland. He was captured by the Gestapo and imprisoned in two Polish prisons, but escaped to form an underground organization. Later he became the leader of the Jewish underground in Budapest, where he remained from December 1942 until liberation from the Nazis in April 1945. Teicholz was an assistant to Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who is credited with rescuing some 100,000 Hungarian Jews from certain death.

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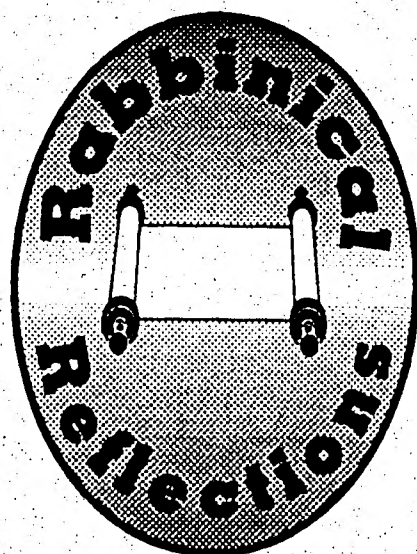
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By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

The Yom Kippur Machzor contains peculiar words, Anu Matirin Lehitpalel Im Ha-avaryanim — we are permitted to pray with sinners. The phrase responds to pious Jews who attended services daily in small numbers, and who saw hundreds of fellow Jews on Kol Nidrei. Rabbi, they wanted to know, how can we pray with so many who fail to say the Shema daily? The rabbis responded with a phrase that permitted all Jews to pray together. On Yom Kippur, God judges sinners, and certainly sinners need the holy day of forgiveness more than anyone else.

What a strange phrase, though! Telling us that we are permitted to pray with sinners is a way of saying that we have to learn, as author Harvey Mackay put it, How To Swim With The Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive.

Who are the sharks in our sea of life? They are often represented by three letters: the X, Y and D. Among the X's, there are ex-friends, ex-business partners, ex-spouses, and ex-clients — many people who somehow brought hurt in the past, and who, whenever we see them, make us feel as though we want to turn around and walk the other way.

Then there are the Y's, people

whose actions make us ask questions like, why do you like to hurt? Why do you always take and never give? Why would God allow you to do this to my family? And the D's — destroyers, defamers, defrauders, debasers, drug dealers, and all those whose actions defy the best standards of human behavior.

All of us know these X's, Y's, and D's. To survive in this sea of sharks, we must first contemplate the possibility that our self-image is too high. Is it possible we are predators, too? That we are permitted to pray with the sinners contrasts with the probing question of the Machzor, are there any so innocent that they have not sinned? We have our own work to do on Yom Kippur and in the year ahead to erase the harm that we may have done to others, who view us as their own personal sharks.

If, after sincere evaluation, we still feel hard-pressed, Jewish tradition has strong medicine we can take to remedy the feeling on a night like Kol Nidrei.

Time is the best medicine. The Machzor quoted Torah to remind us that we must give our hurts time to heal. "Adonai, Adonai, El rachum vechanun, erech apayim" — the Lord God is endlessly patient, we are told. Jewish tradition pictures the Holy One as waiting mercifully and patiently for us to return to the forgiving God. We, too, have to be patient with those who sin, for they may yet repent. And we have to be patient with ourselves to give our hurts time to heal.

In New York, JTS owns a copy of the first printed Hebrew book, Jacob ben Asher's law code, printed in Italy in 1475. That early book had to be submitted to the Church censor, and he inked out all complimentary references to Judaism. Recently it was found that the ink used by the censor had almost faded away, but ben Asher's original Hebrew text was still as clear as ever!

We all have our own book of life.

As we turn the pages of our years, occasionally we find lines that are glossed over, censored, or perhaps smudged by someone else. Others left their blots on our Book of Life. However, if we go back later and reconsider, reshape our lives, we will find that what we were originally meant to be as human beings, as Jews, will become as clear as ever. Time helps to erase the stains that others have left, and we can slowly resume a more normal existence. Only time and patience can allow such change to occur.

When swimming with the sharks, we often feel alone. The feeling of loneliness dissipates when we participate with others in the wider community. Congregations give a sense of strength and support through community.

Truly strong people know that they cannot live without the moral and spiritual support of others. Maybe you have seen California's magnificent sequoias. Did you know that these mighty trees, as tall as a skyscraper, have roots practically at surface level? A lone sequoia can hardly stand up to a strong breeze, its roots are so shallow. How do they grow so tall? Sequoias spring up in groves, and their roots intertwine. They hold each other up. They give each other the strength necessary to withstand the angriest winds.

It works the same for Jews. We can't make it alone. The winds of life can blow us right over, but in community we gather strength to withstand whatever life throws our way. Even if we've been swimming in the most shark-infested sea, when we participate in Jewish communal life, we find allies whose ethics are similar, whose presence will keep us afloat through the most dangerous straits. That, too, is why the synagogue draws us like a magnet on Yom Kippur.

(Rabbi Leigh Lerner is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom in Montreal.)

K A B B A L A H

THE YOM KIPPUR EXPERIENCE

Q WHY DO WE FAST ON YOM KIPPUR? ARE WE TRYING TO PUNISH OUR BODIES?

A No. There is an enormous amount of spiritual energy being revealed on Yom Kippur. By negating and "grounding" the physical body, we are allowing our souls to connect to this intense spiritual energy. According to Kabbalah, fasting is not about denying ourselves food, for in fact, we are feasting upon the nourishing energy of the Creator. According to Kabbalah, if one utilizes the prayers of Yom Kippur properly, as described in the holy Zohar, the body should actually feel satiated and fulfilled. When the soul is fulfilled, the body will also feel fulfilled. However, according to the great sages, we must know the Kabbalistic system and methodology for activating the power of these prayers if we are to receive this fulfillment in our lives.

Q WHY IS THE KOL NIDRE IN ARAMAIC?

A The Kol Nidre prayer has the ability to reach the highest levels of the spiritual atmosphere. To prevent negative energy from interfering with the signal of our prayers, the great sages used the letters of the Aramaic language. Kabbalah explains that the Aramaic letters are like special high energy cables that are insulated and, therefore protected from interference and negative influence. Another way to understand this Kabbalistic concept is to think of the Hebrew and Aramaic letters as conductors of spiritual current. Hebrew letters have the capacity to transmit spiritual energy throughout the year. However, during Yom Kippur the intensity of energy being revealed is so strong, it would simply overload the internal circuit of the Hebrew letters.



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By RABBI DR. DAVID GEFFEN

SCRANTON, Pa. (JTA) — Alan Greenspan, a former U.S. Army chaplain now residing in Jerusalem, remembers one especially dramatic Day of Atonement, for which prayer was especially fervent.

"While I was davening Musaf (the additional service) on that Yom Kippur in 1966, at the Tan Son Nhut chapel in the airforce base on the outskirts of Saigon, a note was handed to me. It contained a request to visit as soon as possible, ASAP, a Jewish medic whose legs had been blown off when he tried to care for wounded troops trapped in a mine field.

"I knew the man," said Greenspan. "His total devotion to duty would not permit him to take off even on Yom Kippur. As we chanted 'who shall live and who shall die,' I thought about the medic and all the 500 soldiers assembled there that day.

"Fortunately, the medic survived and even walked with prostheses on both legs."

Greenspan, who retired from the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps in 1986 as a lieutenant colonel, came to live in Israel a few years ago and now resides in Jerusalem.

He was one of nearly 20 Jewish chaplains from all branches of the U.S. military who served in Vietnam during the war.

Greenspan was ordered to duty there in March 1966. "I was stationed in Saigon during the year I spent there, but my area of responsibility covered 90 miles north of the city down to the tip of the delta.

"Three of four days a week I was outside of Saigon conducting services in the field and teaching, as well. I was on at least 250 flights during my stay in Vietnam on every aircraft imaginable."

Altogether he had between 1,500 and 2,000 Jewish military personnel under his care.

One of Greenspan's Vietnam campaigns was labeled SOS — "send over salamis." Individuals, organi-

zations and communities throughout the United States were encouraged to mail kosher salamis by air and sea so that Jewish soldiers would have a taste of home.

"If the salamis went by sea and had some mold on them," Greenspan said, "I took them over to the vet. Usually he just scraped off the mold and the salami was salvaged."

Preparing for the High Holy Days required logistical expertise. All military units had to receive letters authorizing release of Jewish personnel. Billeting had to be set up in Saigon, usually at the U.S.O. Sufficient kosher food, provided by the Jewish Welfare Board, had to be available.

"The commanders knew it was important to permit Jewish personnel the opportunity to participate in these religious services. In a war zone, the spiritual aspect of existence plays a special role," Greenspan said.

Buddhist tailor

While he went to the field several days a week to conduct services and teach, on Shabbat and holidays Greenspan was at the chapel in Saigon.

For the High Holy Days there were no field services at all. All Jewish personnel were released and could come to Saigon or Da Nang or Pleiku, where the other Jewish chaplains were stationed.

"For Rosh Hashanah all went as planned. The davening was inspirational, the sounding of the shofar went without a hitch, the billeting worked out, there was plenty to eat and close to 500 came.

"But we ran out of yarmulkes," Greenspan explained, "and many of the men had to wear military headgear."

During the Ten Days of Penitence, Greenspan went to a Buddhist tailor in Saigon to remedy his yarmulke

problem.

At his Jerusalem apartment Greenspan has a small supply of the Vietnam yarmulkes, blue satin with Vietnam embroidered on them in Hebrew.

"I showed the tailor a yarmulke and he duplicated it for me. I wrote out the Hebrew for him and he stitched it on the yarmulkes. On Yom Kippur, the yarmulkes made their debut and they became quite popular."

Greenspan had to order more because they became one of the leading Jewish souvenirs of the war.

Barry Cunningham of the New York Post covered Yom Kippur in 1966 for his newspaper. He described the scene in Greenspan's chapel.

The fervor of the service was felt by all. They had arrived from jungle war zones, according to Cunningham — "by helicopter, by truck convoy, by fixed-wing planes, by jeeps, by hook or crook." For Yom Kippur they were away from the mud, the flying bullets and the frontline combat.

Together they prayed — not knowing who would live or die tomorrow.

"As the shofar sounded over the bleak runways and quonset huts of Tan Son Nhut," Cunningham wrote, "the celestial book of accounts will close. The men will return to war."

Greenspan emphasized that he went to Vietnam because he knew Jewish soldiers had to be served. "I saw young men and women who had been rabble-rousers on American campuses prove what courageous human beings they could be when they donned the uniform."

Most important to me as a chaplain," Greenspan concluded, "I saw my fellow Jews strengthening their commitment to Judaism and I was proud that I was there to help."

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Front Line

Many obstacles remain to prosecuting war criminals

[Second in a series on Canadian election campaign issues of particular interest to the Jewish community]

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Shortly before he was elected prime minister in 1984, Brian Mulroney promised he would pursue war criminals. True to his pledge, Mulroney appointed Mr. Justice Jules Deschenes to study the question. Deschenes' commission of inquiry concluded that the federal authorities should study 20 "urgent" cases that could result in rapid prosecutions and an additional 218 that might bear fruit.

In 1987, Parliament passed legislation under which war criminals could be prosecuted, and a war crimes unit of the Justice Department was established.

It appeared that Canada was finally prepared to get tough with the naturalized Canadians who had committed war crimes during the Holocaust.

Yet since then, pitifully little has been accomplished, and the biological clock is ticking away. "If nothing is done in the next five years, I think they can forget about it," Irving Abella, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said ruefully last year.

In the six years since the Criminal Code was amended to allow for the prosecution of war criminals, Ottawa has charged four suspects, none of them successfully, and deported one suspect.

The record:

• **Imre Finta**, 80, a retired Toronto restaurateur, was accused of kidnapping, robbing, forcibly confining and contributing to the deaths of 8,600 Jews in Nazi-occupied Hungary. The case went to trial in late 1989, and after six months of testimony, a jury acquitted Finta. In January 1991, the crown appealed before the Ontario Court of Appeal. On April 29, 1992, the court denied the appeal in a 3-2 decision. The case is now before the Supreme Court of Canada. Hearings took place in June.

• **Stephen Reistetter**, 77-year-old retired auto worker from St. Catharines, Ontario, was charged with kidnapping 3,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia and sending them to their deaths. Charges were dropped after two witnesses died, one was declared mentally incompetent and a third refused to co-operate.

• **Michael Pawlowski**, a 74-year-old resident of Renfrew, Ontario, was charged with the murders of 410 Jews and 80 Poles in the western Soviet Union. The government dropped the charges when the judge refused to permit evidence-gathering in the Soviet Union.

• **Radislav Grujicic**, an 82-year-old native of the former Yugoslavia and now of Windsor, was charged with 10 counts of murder and conspiracy to commit murder and kidnapping of communists and communist sympathizers. The case has not yet gone to trial.

• **Jacob Luitjens**, a 74-year-old botanist from Vancouver who was convicted in absentia in 1948 of Nazi collaboration by a Dutch tribunal, was deported from Canada in November 1992 after an immigration adjudicator ruled he had entered Canada illegally. He remains in prison in Holland, but is seeking a hearing before the Supreme Court of Canada.

(In 1983, well before the enactment of war crimes legislation, **Helmut Rauca**, an ethnic German, was extradited to West Germany to face trial for the murder of Jews in Lithuania. He died of natural causes before his case reached the court.)

Given the record, critics believe that Canada

has been dragging its feet. Simon Wiesenthal, the Vienna-based Nazi hunter, has angrily said so in interviews.

Sol Littman, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, argues that Canada chose the most difficult route with respect to prosecuting war criminals — trying cases in Canada rather than stripping suspects of their Canadian citizenship and deporting them, the method favored by the United States.

According to Littman, the advantages of deportation are clear. "It means trial under civil law rather than the Criminal Code," he has written. "It allows for a less rigorous standard of evidence and for speedier trial."

The Luitjens case, he observes, was evidently an effort to open a second, faster track for prosecutions. But will Canada use it as a precedent and adopt this method to clear up the backlog of cases?

At this point, there are no hard-and-fast an-

swers. But according to Peter Kremer, head of the Justice Department's war crimes unit, efforts will be made to strip some suspects of their Canadian citizenship so that they can be deported.

In the meantime, the Canadian government is screening several hundred files with the intention of taking action against as many as 20 suspected war criminals.

Canada is also trying to gain access to potentially incriminating files in formerly inaccessible archives in the old Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe.

As well, there are plans to interview witnesses there according to Canadian legal practices. Meanwhile, the war crimes unit has been given more resources and a March 1994 deadline to complete as many cases as possible.

"We have a strong commitment within our department to get those investigations completed by that date," Kim Campbell, the former justice minister and current prime minister, said

last year.

But no one should expect too much, given the age of suspects and witnesses, Kremer has warned.

The obstacles in convicting an alleged war criminal are still daunting.

Christopher Amerasinghe, a war crimes unit prosecutor who led the unsuccessful prosecution of Finta, believes it is difficult to convince a jury of the importance of events that unfolded during World War II.

As he put it: "One of the things that struck me during the Finta trial was the fact that all members of the jury had been born after the war. The lack of a sense of immediacy — that is what's lacking in these crimes."

And besides, investigations in Eastern Europe are often held up by missing and lost documents, while some local officials would rather go after former communist officials than alleged fascist war criminals.

Fighting racists remains high on agenda

[Third in a series on election campaign issues of particular interest to the Jewish community. This article deals with combatting racial hatred.]

Racists in Canada are cynically using the cover of free speech to disseminate their noxious, divisive venom.

Under this guise, they are spreading disinformation about the Holocaust, sending racist messages via the mail and through telephone hotlines, churning out hate rock cassettes and recruiting acolytes in the Canadian military. Meanwhile, in all too many instances, racist rabble-rousers from abroad enter Canada with impunity.

Amid all this, visible minorities, notably refugee claimants and new immigrants, have become the targets of racially-motivated attacks, and synagogues and Jewish institutions have been defiled.

Recent examples:

Last June, in Toronto, a Tamil man was left partially paralyzed by a severe beating. "There's no question that there has been an increase in aggressive or assaultive behavior by neo-Nazis and racist factions in Canada," said Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In Montreal, in separate incidents earlier this year, seven synagogues were painted with swastikas, while the Laval Jewish Community Centre was spray-painted with swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans. In June 1992, three Toronto-area synagogues were defaced.

A Gallup poll released in August claims that racial intolerance is growing in Canada, which is suffering through its worst recession since the Depression. And while the number of anti-Semitic incidents reported in Canada declined last year, organized hate groups have become more brazen in openly expressing their views, declared the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith.

Organized hate group activity, B'nai Brith warns, has risen to record levels in Canada in recent years.

In December 1990, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that anti-hate laws are necessary to combat the "potentially catastrophic effects" of racial, ethnic and religious bigotry.

The verdict, upholding the anti-hate provisions of the Criminal Code, addressed the 1985 conviction of Jim Keegstra for wilfully promoting

anti-Semitism, upheld the one-year sentence given John Ross Taylor for using his telephone answering machine to spread hatred, and rejected the appeals of Donald Andrews and Wayne Smith, who were convicted of wilfully promoting hatred.

The court acknowledged that its ruling might have contravened the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but added this caveat: "Parliament's objective of preventing the harm caused by hate propaganda is of sufficient importance to warrant overriding a constitutional freedom."

A little more than a year later, however, the Supreme Court struck down a criminal law which had twice convicted neo-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel, a German national residing in Toronto and the publisher of a pamphlet claiming the Holocaust was a hoax.

In a 4-3 decision, the court said the law making it illegal to spread false news violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association supported the decision on the grounds that the law was so broad that it could "chill" legitimate forms of free speech.

But the verdict was a great disappointment to the Jewish community, which had argued that the law was needed "to preserve social and racial harmony."

Kim Campbell, then the federal justice minister, put her finger on the conundrum with this observation: "Unfortunately, one of the price tags of freedom of speech is that people are going to say false, objectionable and disgusting things to hurt other people. I'm sure bigots will take encouragement from this."

She is right, of course. In Canada, the battle against racism has really just begun.

The Canadian Jewish Congress contends that since the court's August 1992 verdict, Zundel has violated Section 319 of the Criminal Code by having promoted hatred against an identifiable group through Holocaust denial statements. Congress believes that Holocaust denial is "de facto anti-Semitism."

Citing the racist activities of Zundel, Wolfgang Droege of the Heritage Front, George Burdick of The Church of the Creator and ex-public school teachers Paul Fromm and Malcolm Ross, Congress says that Section 319 should be used "more aggressively" to combat racism.

As for telephone hate lines, Congress urges the Canadian Human Rights Commission to utilize

Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

With respect to the dissemination of anti-Jewish literature through the mail, Congress calls on Canada Post and Canada Customs "to document the flow of anti-Semitic material" and to use existing legislation to crack down on such violations.

Congress maintains that crimes like vandalism and threats to physical security can be combated by various legal means.

B'nai Brith urges the government to establish "a national, multi-level task force" to fight the rising tide of hate crimes.

It should include representatives of provincial and municipal police forces, the RCMP, CSIS, Canada Post, Immigration and Customs and Excise.

B'nai Brith calls on Canada to enact legislation authorizing the gathering of hate crime statistics. As well, enhanced sentences should be meted out in crimes where the motivation is hate or bias.

Finally, B'nai Brith believes: Canada's hate propaganda laws should be improved.

In recent years, neo-Nazi propagandists like John Metzger and Dennis Mahon have entered Canada to promote their views. Congress contends that immigration officers can bar foreign racists on the strength of existing Criminal Code provisions.

Last May, the media reported that white supremacists had wormed their way into the Canadian armed forces.

To counter this phenomenon, Congress calls on the armed forces to weed out future recruits with racist ties and to dismiss individuals with such connections. And, it adds, the minister of defence should conduct a thorough public inquiry into this matter.

Clearly, racism in all its nefarious forms can — and should be — fought by judicial means. Nevertheless, troubling questions linger. Will the sacred tenet of freedom of speech, so essential to a democracy, be sacrificed on the altar of defeating or containing bigotry? Will the legal process, inadvertently, transform racists into martyrs defending their constitutional right to free speech?

There are no facile answers in this ongoing debate. But this much seems certain: if the forces of racism exploit the democratic system to flaunt their loathsome ideology, it will be all the poorer and all the more vulnerable to hatemongers like Zundel, Keegstra and Droege. — S.K.

Jericho's new status cause for uncertainty for Israelis

By HERB KEINON

Were Grant Wood alive and looking to create an Israeli twin to his classic painting American Gothic, he could do much worse than to plant his easel in Vered Jericho.

For this small settlement in the Jordan Valley, with its climbing bougainvillea, afternoon stillness and well-worn teeter-totter, looks like quintessential Rural Israel. But the serene sheen is deceptive. Since August, when the Gaza/Jericho first plan became official government policy, an all-consuming anxiety about the future has replaced the gnawing concern local residents have carried in their gut since the Madrid peace conference in 1991.

If Yasser Arafat moves into town, Vered Jericho residents will be his closest Jewish neighbors. "Even without Arafat, even before this plan, we had rocks thrown at us, and our fields and packing house have been burned," says Yigal Malka. "The IDF can't possibly protect us if the PLO moves in. The declarations that they

can are meaningless. I'm in the fields every day. I see what is going on. They won't deceive me."

But concern for personal security is only part of the problem facing the moshav. Says 57-year-old David Zohar, the overriding anxiety facing the residents is not knowing whether the settlement will be uprooted. This uncertainty, he believes, is vastly different from the general population's political-strategic concern about whether the agreement is a bright idea, whether it will hold or whether it poses a threat to the country.

Rather, Zohar and fellow residents in Vered Jericho are asking the most basic of questions: Should they plant their fields next year? Should they build extensions to their homes? What will happen to the 600 dunams of moshav land inside Jericho's city limits? "I ask questions, and nobody gives me answers," Zohar says, sitting at one of the many empty tables at a restaurant he owns on the Jerusalem-Dead Sea road.

As he talked in a distinct my-world-is-broken tone, an overhead fan took ineffective whacks at

what felt like end-of-the-world heat. "What will happen to me, to my family? Not a single representative from the government has come to talk to us. I'm only a peon in this whole new galaxy of peace. But somebody should come talk to me. I'm tired. Where am I, at this age, supposed to go?"

Vered Jericho sits atop a brown hill that, to the east, overlooks a green oasis that is Jericho. The city's refugee camp, Akbut Jaber, just about touches the settlement's peripheral fence. And to the west is emptiness, cliffs and gorges.

"When we first came here, we were told that the area was unfit for human habitation," says Sara Richter, one of the founders. "Look how we've persevered." But the overriding feeling now seems to be that the days of perseverance are over and that — sooner or later — the 160 residents are going to have to leave. The painful uncertainty is not knowing when, and not knowing under what kind of financial terms.

One of the residents' primary complaints seems to be that rather than coming to the settlement

and saying that in five years time it will be no more, the government seems to be taking a wait-and-see approach.

"I don't want to live in some never-never land for the next five years," Malka says. "I'm sure the government won't toss me into the street, but in the process they may drive me crazy."

Malka, a father of three who earns a living off his grape fields, adds: "I came here in 1980, when the settlement was first founded. I love it here. I have devoted the best years of my life building up the area. At that time the government was encouraging people to come here, to develop the Jordan Valley. So we came. If the government had been pushing development in the Negev or Galilee, I could just as easily have gone there."

Malka's problem is not as much with the government's peace plans, but rather that it has ignored the real, blood-and-sweat people involved. "I didn't come here to live under autonomy," Malka says. "Rabin says he doesn't want a binational state, and neither do I. I just want to know where I stand."

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Judicious action

The decision on the part of the American government to indict Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman and three others on charges of conspiracy "to levy a war of urban terrorism against the United States," is a brave act from the judiciary.

It is brave because the indictment on "seditious conspiracy" has already prompted allegations, aired on New York City's channel 4 television news in interviews with supporters of Sheik Rahman, that those indicted are victims of a government vendetta against Islam "orchestrated in order to placate Jews."

The Federal Grand Jury which unsealed its indictment against Sheik Rahman and 14 other co-conspirators, has charged them with responsibility for planning and executing the bombing of the New York City World Trade Centre and has identified Sheik Rahman as the individual who gave the order for the terrorist operation.

One of the most important aspects of the Grand Jury indictment is the laying of charges against El Sayid A. Nosair who was acquitted in 1990 of assassinating Rabbi Meir Kahane. Sayid who is serving a prison term for a weapons offense connected with the Kahane assassination, is being charged now "with committing a murder to aid a larger conspiracy."

The charging of Sheik Rahman and the re-opening of the Nosair case are important developments in the United States' reinvigorated get-tough policy with terrorists. The decision to prosecute Nosair on new charges is especially significant because at his trial investigators from the New York City police assured everyone that Nosair had acted alone in an isolated case of violence against Kahane. Now, that thinking has been reversed and Nosair is being seen as part of a vast conspiracy to bomb vital New York buildings, tunnels and, according to *The New York Times* (August 26), the training camp of the Jewish Defense League.

For a long time North America has been relatively free from the kind of political and religious terrorism which have been commonplace in the Middle East. Muslim fundamentalist movements in North Africa and in Egypt have been particularly aggressive in their attacks against what they perceive as illegitimate governments. The wanton murder of tourists and government officials in Egypt is one odious aspect of the fundamentalist campaign to destabilize the Mubarak regime.

The attempt to import the most violent expression of Muslim fundamentalism into North America — as exemplified in the World Trade Centre bombing — was a sinister message to Americans and Canadians that some fanatics are unashamed of masking their terrorist agendas with a patina of religious choreography.

American justice officials have received the message and responded appropriately. North America cannot and will not abide those who use violence to communicate their political doctrines.

Filling a vacuum

There are no shortage of Holocaust memorials and monuments in Germany. Yet surprisingly enough, there is not a single museum anywhere in Germany which documents the Holocaust in full, like Yad Vashem in Jerusalem or the Holocaust Museum in Washington.

It is a vacuum which should be filled, sooner rather than later.

Recently, a group of German politicians, writers, artists, museum directors and theologians signed an appeal calling precisely for such a museum. As they succinctly put it: "The time has come to present the unimaginable in documentary form. It would remind us of our responsibility to the victims of the Holocaust... It would recognize a horrible truth and serve as a warning against rising right-wing radicalism. Extreme rightist circles are using pseudo-scientific evidence to spread uncertainty among our youth, and have been partly successful. That is why it is high time for an exact presentation of the Holocaust."

Clearly, this is an idea whose time has come, and Germany would be wise to respond positively to their petition.

Neo-Nazism, though not a danger to the integrity of German democracy, is rearing its ugly head. And malevolent propagandists are pointedly questioning, even cynically denying, the compelling truth of the Holocaust.

A central Holocaust museum, preferably in Berlin, could be a powerful antidote to the poison disseminated by far-right radicals, whose only wish is to bring back the fascist totalitarianism and divisiveness of the Nazi epoch. Germany has seriously begun to combat neo-Nazism, and a Holocaust museum would certainly contribute to that objective.

It is true that Germany is beset by a recession and is in a cost-cutting mode. But surely there are national priorities which should not be affected by fiscal restraint. It is in Germany's interests to build a first-rate Holocaust museum. History, as well as current events, demand it.



DAY OF ATONEMENT

The Day of Atonement, by Jacob Kramer (English, 1892-1962). Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the most solemn of Jewish feasts. It marks the culmination of the Ten Day of Penitence which begins on Rosh Hashanah. Work as well as eating and drinking are strictly forbidden on Yom Kippur, which is spent in the synagogue in prayer for forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with both God and fellow human beings [RNS photo]

Letters to the Editor

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JEWISH PRIDE

My perception of Rabbi Plaut's article (Sept. 2) is that pointing a finger at the guilty can only result in negative reactions.

We have much to teach the world about survival and what sustains us. The world needs this lesson of humility.

Why not include our achievements and our contributions to science, to peace, music and medicine.

The Holocaust has now put out the flames of our continued commitment to tikkun olam — repair the world, do justice and show mercy.

Is this phrase seen for all to read who visit the museums of death?

Could this not help to reduce deeply ingrained anti-Jewish feelings?

And we need to build pride in ourselves.

Mollie Posen
Toronto

THE ISSUE OF SETTLERS

Although Yechiel Leiter's panic attack (*CJN* August 26) upon the credibility and legitimacy of Peace Now in Israel and Americans for Peace Now might be emotionally satisfying, and even great entertainment for hardliners, it's not much more than that.

The primary issue for all Israelis across the political spectrum is security. On that issue, the settlers in the territories are literally and figuratively on shaky ground.

While most everyone agrees that the strategic depth offered by the territories is valuable to the defence of Israel, there is no such consensus, particularly in the military, about the settlements in the territories.

In fact, the opposite view is held by most high-ranking officers in the IDF

Reserves and active service. The settlements are viewed as primarily civilian and not military in nature, and therefore, detriments to security. It was Rabin himself who recently recalled that during the Yom Kippur War the Israel army lost precious hours in defending the Golan because it had to evacuate the settlers who lived there. The same security concerns are held to be true about the settlers in the territories in case of a military conflict.

Under Labor, limited settlements were established in areas deemed essential to Israel's security. Under Likud, settlements were established primarily to establish "facts on the ground," a physical presence which would be irreversible, and which would create the demographic and political framework for a Greater Israel.

The settlements are not the key to Israel's future security. What are indisputably linked to Israel's future security, are the following: 1) a strong IDF with a qualitative edge over its Arab neighbors; 2) negotiating the best security arrangements possible between Israel and its Arab neighbors, including preserving military, but not political, control over the territories; 3) the preservation of the American-Israeli strategic alliance; and 4) ultimately, viable co-existence agreements with its Arab neighbors.

That the political future of the Jewish settlements is in question if peace talks proceed is true. It is not hard to understand the uncertainty and anger of the settlers, most of whom were lured to the territories with a range of attractive financial incentives for homes and community.

Why not lure them back to Israel with the same incentives? How about settlement "pioneers" for the Galilee and the Negev?

Beverly Stern
Toronto

POLISH ROLE IN GHETTO

A recent article by Sheldon Kirshner about my assistance to the Warsaw ghetto insurgents (Polish Catholics helped Warsaw Jews, August 26) referred to Yitzhak Zukerman's claim that, except for 49 pistols and some grenades, the Polish Home Army (AK) refused to help to arm the Jewish Fighting Organization (ZOB). I am reported as stating that the AK did not even have sufficient arms for its own soldiers, which, I might add, is what Marek Edelman, the last surviving ghetto leader, also contends. Edelman has also gone on record to state that without Polish help there would have been no uprising. Which brings me back to Zukerman, who understates the amount of Polish assistance.

It should be borne in mind that there was another group of Jewish fighters in the ghetto — the Jewish Military Union (ZZW), which also received supplies from the Home Army: two heavy machine guns, four light machine guns, 21 submachine guns, 30 rifles, 50 pistols, and over 400 grenades. All of these arms had to be smuggled in, in small quantities and at great personal risk.

But it was not merely a matter of giving the Jewish resistance more handguns. The critical problem was the lack of heavy arms (such as anti-tank rifles and guns) which were needed to prolong the inevitably doomed struggle. Notwithstanding, as German SS commander Juerger Stroop points out, the German forces were "repeatedly" shot at from outside the ghetto. The Home Army launched a series of diversionary and rescue assaults in which scores of Poles fell, prompting American historian and Columbia University professor Istvan Deak to ask: "I wonder whether anyone fired a shot elsewhere in Europe on behalf of persecuted Jews."

Lech Halko
Toronto

A YAWNING CHASM

Steven Gurian in his rather angry letter about "radical" black "babblings" about Jewish racism (*CJN*, Sept. 2) indicates the depth of the chasm between the two communities. Gurian rightly asserts that *Show Boat* is not a racist show. The very important point is that it is perceived as racist by some blacks.

The key problem is that a chasm exists — two groups, one deaf and the other not prepared to listen. Since this *Show Boat* issue blew up, I have consistently felt that the production was merely the tip of an iceberg and both communities must seek avenues of reconciliation.

Amongst some blacks there is a deep resentment, not only against Jews but all whites as well.

Thus it is important for Gurian and those who think like him and his equally adamant opposite numbers in the black community to find some way to discuss their problems. I have suggested that Mayor Mel Lastman would be a great catalyst in this process and I hope he pursues this approach.

In summary, then, two communities are looking angrily across a chasm at each other. Instead of pointing fingers of accusation and assigning blame, they should be sitting down and talking together, attempting to plumb the depths of the problem and seeking common ground.

Marvin Frenes
Toronto

Opinion

We've come a long way from Yom Kippur War

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

It seems like yesterday. Twenty years ago, in 1973, we came to shul on Yom Kippur as we always did, hoping that the beginning we had made on Rosh Hashanah would carry over into a year of fulfillment and peace. Yom Kippur would be the day on which our fate would be sealed. So we made our way to our synagogues, ready for the annual session in self-examination.

When we arrived, rumors were floating about. People who had turned on the radio before coming had heard that there was fighting in Israel. There was something about Egypt and Syria having attacked simultaneously. But we didn't worry. First of all, we had the obligations and opportunities of the holiest day of the year before us. And second, we knew that Israel was strong and had taught the Arabs military lessons time after time.

It was just like them we thought, starting something on Yom Kippur, but Israel was certainly prepared, and as in the past, everything would be OK.

The service began and I looked over to where my family were sitting, my wife, Judith and Mother. Though the Israeli Consul and his family were always with us on Yom Kippur, this morning Shmuel Ovnat was missing. Was there something so important afoot that he had to go to his office on this day? I started worrying.

When the Consul finally appeared there was an immediate stir in the congregation. People wondered. What had he heard? I interrupted the service and asked him to come to the pulpit. Did he have news he could share with us?

He had just talked to Israel, he said, and all was going well. Egypt and Syria had used the Yom Kippur holy day to make a sudden attack on the country. Egypt had tried to surprise us in the Sinai and the Syrians had invaded the north — but all of them had been driven back. To some degree Israel had been taken unawares, and now everyone was being mobilized. All was well,

thank God.

He didn't know, and maybe even the Israel government didn't know at that moment how bad things really were. In the Sinai, 500 Israeli soldiers had been guarding the hundred mile long Bar Lev line. Suddenly, 70,000 Egyptian soldiers advanced on them and drove them back. It was a total surprise, as Chaim Herzog (later to become President of Israel) recalled.

The bald fact was that though there had been warnings about an impending strike, Israel had not taken them seriously enough. There had been no full-scale mobilization, people were in their synagogues or at home. Fighting a war for survival was furthest from their minds.

Yet that's what it had now become. For three days Israel's very existence hung in the balance. The three days were a nightmare for our people, there and here. In the end everything turned out all right, the Syrians and Egyptians were driven back, and Israel would have taken the Suez Canal and could have conquered Damascus if the U.S. and the Soviet Union had not intervened.

But not everything was all right. Israel's absolute faith in its army had been shattered. So had the faith in its vaunted intelligence service. The self-assurance and bravado left over from the Six-Day War were gone. Israel was vulnerable after all, and so were we who lived here in the Diaspora.

What has happened since then? Four years later, Anwar Sadat flew to Jerusalem, and in 1978 Egypt and Israel made peace at Camp David. But while there was an absence of war, there was no real peace and certainly not with the Palestinians. They were disillusioned with their life under Israeli rule, and they began to revolt. Intifada they called it, the uprising. At first Israelis didn't take it too seriously. Kids were throwing stones, so what? Then it turned more violent. By and by the Palestinians became radicalized and while the

PLO was still supreme, Islamic fundamentalism started to gain adherents.

Palestinians demanded action, and Israelis in the north wanted better protection against raids and katyushas. Lebanon had a civil war and could not control its borders. It became a powder keg and in 1983, ten years after the Yom Kippur War, Israel decided to liquidate the PLO and get rid of its aggression on the northern borders. The war was successful on the ground and at the same time it turned into a public relations disaster for Israel.

For the first time, Jews themselves were split over Israeli policies. Demonstrations in Tel Aviv, Peace Now supporters appearing on TV in Toronto and elsewhere. People were taking sides: there was no longer a unified community. The old image of Israel as the beloved who was without blemish was gone. Israel wasn't perfect after all. It was a hard pill to swallow.

The government built settlements in the Territories (the West Bank), in Gaza and around Jerusalem. They carried a double message: we will not be intimidated; this is our country, all of it and we are here to stay. To the Palestinians they said: "Take it gracefully and accept your lot. You won't force us out."

But the Palestinians did not take it gracefully. The intifada continued and turned ever more violent. Bombs exploded in the bus station in Tel Aviv. Soldiers were ambushed. The Arab states were united in their desire to destroy Israel; only Egypt stood aside.

Then, suddenly, things seemed to turn around: The Soviet Union collapsed. Russian anti-Semitism raised its ugly head and, in consequence, hundreds of thousands of Russian Jews fled to Israel. Their aliyah was a marvelous event. At last there was something real to cheer about, and we all responded with Operation Exodus and gave as we had never given before, not even during the Six-Day War.

But not everyone shared our joy. The Palestinians did not; they saw their cause swept under the international rug. Syria had lost its Soviet support and was making up to the United States. Iraq suffered a humiliating defeat in the Gulf War, and its Scud missiles failed to destroy Israel's spirit. The PLO had sided with Iraq and in consequence lost its funding sources. Civil war broke out in Bosnia and absorbed the world's attention. No one was writing about the Palestinians who yesterday had been on the headlines.

They were bitterly disappointed and started to turn away from their old leadership, from Yasser Arafat and Fatah, and started joining Hamas and other Islamic fundamentalists who preached one simple doctrine: Violence alone will gain our ends. If we want our land back and our independence, we must drive the Jews out and start the holy war — now.

A revolution was brewing in the Territories. Soldiers were being ambushed; kibbutzniks in the north were again sleeping in bomb shelters. Civilians were being murdered. Every day the newspapers carried pictures of people who had been killed in this new underground war. There seemed to be no end.

The new government of Israel had promised to make a stepped-up effort in the peace process, believing that the status quo was insufferable and that the Israeli public was ready for bold steps. If Israel would talk to Arafat who yesterday was taboo, then maybe he could control the masses and stem the surge of radicalism. Maybe. It was a gamble, but it seemed worth the chance.

At this writing the PLO and Rabin government have exchanged letters and have signed a first agreement, giving Palestinians self-rule in Gaza and Jericho. But many Palestinians see this as treason to their cause, and many Israelis feel that their very security is endangered. Neither side trusts the other. The end is not yet in sight.

David Ben Gurion once said, "In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles." Yom Kippur is a wonderful time to start believing.



Rabbi Plaut

Peace agreement finishes process begun by Begin

By CHAIM HERZOG

From a historic perspective, the agreement between Israel and the Palestinians closes the circle on a process which began with the autonomy proposal made by the late Menachem Begin.

I still remember the meeting at the White House when Begin first presented his thoughts on autonomy. In fact, what he wanted to do in that proposal was to gain Judea, Samaria and Gaza in exchange for the Sinai. Autonomy was simply a convenient fig leaf.

Now the circle has closed and autonomy has become the heart of the peace process and the key to the Palestinians gaining independent administration of their lives.

The dramatic move we witnessed recently was an enlightened exploitation of the PLO weakness which may have brought us to a historic breakthrough. But reading what has been published of the declaration of principles cannot but raise many questions.

In the latest development among the Palestinians, the struggle between those who live in the territories and those on the outside has come to the fore. Of late, there were signs of the strengthening of those on the inside.

But how will this agreement influence the

chances of nurturing a leadership in the territories when the outside leadership will be given control of the territories?

Moreover, do we not open a window to the right of return? Who will guarantee that in the framework of the two self-rule zones — in which Israel's authority is over external defence and foreign affairs — there will be no effectuation of the right of return? This is a matter of life and death for us.

In this connection, particularly puzzling is the clause referring to the rights of the 1967 displaced persons. As far as I remember, as one who was involved in this development and as is mentioned in Maj.-Gen. (res.) Shlomo Gazit's book on the Civil Administration at that time, the government approved in July 1967 the return of all displaced persons of that period. This approval was extended two or three times and taken advantage of by 50,000 to 70,000 people, with the rest wishing to stay in Jordan within the framework of family reunification.

Why, then, a new clause on this matter, 26 years after the decision of the Israel government? Let us not forget that today we are talking about half a million people.

How will the proposed arrangement in Jericho affect the settlements and the security situation in the Jordan Valley?

The negotiations in Washington focused on the dispute between us and the Palestinians over our functional approach as opposed to the territorial approach of the PLO. In Gaza and Jericho, the Palestinians have gained, according to the agreement as published, an essentially territorial solution, while the solution in the rest of the territories has remained functional. What does this mix-up lead to?

The intention of the Palestinians is clear. What is our intention?

From the security viewpoint, too, the agreement contains some very difficult potential problems which were detailed recently by the chief of staff and his deputy. It is not clear how Israel can realize its overall responsibility for security in the area within the framework of the withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho, and the handing over of authority to the Palestinian police.

One must take into account that there will be extremists and opponents who will try to undermine the agreement in every way. Will the Palestinian police really be able to give an efficient answer to the problems of internal security?

What will be our control over the composition and activity of the Palestinian police?

These are just a few of the questions raised by the reading of the document. I do not want to re-

ject the arrangement per se; it is perfectly possible that we are looking at a breakthrough for which we've been waiting for so many years of struggle. If there is even the smallest chance of bringing to an end the constant, tragic funeral marches to our cemeteries, we should grab it.

But at the same time too much haste may make this arrangement very dangerous.

Our approach must be "honor him, but suspect him." First, the PLO must prove that it can rule the area and stop the intifada. This should be its main test for a period of six months before the process is translated from words to deeds. One must extract the proposed arrangement from the constraints of an accelerated timetable, in which one speaks of weeks instead of months, months instead of years.

It is impossible to enter a historical process like this with a stopwatch in hand.

The idea of reaching an interim agreement with the Palestinians made a lot of sense. The logic was to create a gradual development of confidence-building between the two peoples.

The process has to be built over many years, with the possibility of stopping it in case of a deterioration of the situation on the ground.

— JPFS

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We should forgive each other at Yom Kippur

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Any Yom Kippur when, apparently, the first person a Jew is called upon to forgive is Yasser Arafat is an unusual Yom Kippur. Let's take this sense of "anything is possible" a step further and forgive each other.

As we listen to the beautiful melody of Kol Nidre on Erev Yom Kippur, let's heed its traditional symbolism: the unity of all Jews. Let's try to embrace each other. We can't be any more wary of each other than we are of our most venerable enemy, can we?

I don't know.

I was raised a Conservative Jew. I attended Reform synagogues in my college town and during my early professional life. When I moved back to my parents' town, I joined their Conservative synagogue, and thus experienced wearing both sets of stripes. I worked as a volunteer for the Conservative synagogue, leading youth retreats, finding increasing meaning in my religion.

When I got married, more observance was part

of the package. Today, after more than a decade of spiritual growth and adjustment reconciling habit and feminism to Orthodoxy — I call myself a "modern" Orthodox Jew with some level of confidence. And if I still need intensive Hebrew lessons, still wear ladylike slacks, and still cover my hair only in shul, who knows what can happen. I used to think I would never keep Kosher, never keep Sabbath, never let my son toddle off to school wearing both a yarmulke and (hold on, Mom!) tzitzit, but now I do. Wonders, as they say, never cease.

I don't know what psychiatrists call a schizophrenic with three sides, not two, but if I made my personal psyche prey to the conflicts that beset Reform versus Conservative versus Orthodox, I'd need to line a room with my shoulder pads and retire there instantaneously.

When the Reform criticize the Orthodox, when the Orthodox bemoan the Conservatives, when the Conservatives look askance at the Recon-

structionists bad mouth the Reform, I listen with a wince and a shudder. Don't enough outsiders dislike us to make it unnecessary for us to tear each other up. Shouldn't we be offering some better example. I wonder how we have managed to survive our own internal conflicts, not to mention the external ones that beset us, from Arab extremists (not you, Yasser, of course) to intermarriage.

Of course, the spiritual closeness a Jew feels to the Almighty is personal. No one else can understand or measure that, be it a spouse, a fellow congregant, a Jew of another stripe (even of a slightly different variation of one's own stripe), or a Buddhist in Burma, if there was still Burma. It seems to me that the crux of Judaism is our relationship with the Lord, put into real life action, one Jew at a time. This relationship is not based upon anyone else's opinion.

Yes, it is important how much one studies, how much one observes, but it is important in terms of one's spiritual life, not in terms of other peo-

ple's judgements and opinions. Yes, I have found — for me, myself, personally — that richer observance leads to richer spirituality and a better life, from the peace of Sabbath to the pleasure of a tightly knit observant neighborhood community. But although I have written more than 100 Jewishly-oriented columns (most of them much funnier than this one) for more than two dozen Jewish newspapers, I have not found it necessary to label myself publicly as one kind of Jew or another until this day, this Yom Tov, because I am driven to respond to the revolution of peace in Eretz Yisrael with a tiny, personal plea for a revolution of peace among K'lal Yisrael, the Jewish people.

This Yom Kippur, as we ask for forgiveness, let's give some, too. Let us forgive, even when we cannot forget. Surely if we can forgive the terrorists, we can forgive ourselves, individually and collectively. Although it is always harder to resolve family quarrels, let us, one Jew at a time, forgive each other, both here at home and there, in Israel, amid the miracle.

May we — all of us — be written in the Book of Life.



Erica Meyer Rauzin

Features

Arab-Jewish partnerships brokered

Reporting from Tel Aviv, Sheldon Kirshner visits the Centre for Jewish-Arab Economic Development.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ayman Samara, a 25-year-old Israeli Arab Muslim, lives in Tira, a town of 15,000 near Kfar Saba.

Dan Gelvan, a 29-year-old Jewish immigrant from Copenhagen, lives in Tel Aviv.

It would seem at first glance that Samara and Gelvan would have little, if nothing, in common. They are, after all, from completely different worlds and cultures.

Despite their differences, Samara and Gelvan are bound together in a rare relationship.

They are business partners in a country where Arabs and Jews mingle out of necessity but essentially go their own way.

Their partnership — which could well be the trend of the future if the Arab-Israeli conflict is resolved through peaceful means — was brokered by the Centre for Jewish Arab Economic Development, a non-profit, non-partisan organization which fosters Arab-Jewish co-operation through joint business ventures.

Established in 1988, the centre was founded by a group of Israeli Arabs and Jews. It's funded by a wide group of foundations, businesses, institutions and individuals, including the New Israel Fund, the Ford Foundation, Barclays Dis-

count Bank and Charles Bronfman of Montreal.

Its director, Sarah Kreimer, an Israeli of American origin, said it is inspired by ideology but powered by pragmatism. "We try to promote the concept of enlightened self-interest," she said in an interview.

"Our partnership may contribute to Arab-Jewish understanding," Gelvan added. "But first and last, it's a pragmatic undertaking."

Gelvan's and Samara's company, Mideast Consulting, based in the Israeli Arab town of Taibe, was formed last year. "At this point, most of our clients are in the Arab sector, Israeli Arab businessmen who want to penetrate the Jewish market," explained Samara.

But in order to succeed, they will have to learn more about modern management techniques, Gelvan said. "The Israeli Arab economy is very conservative, with very little new industry. Arab businessmen are not open to new ideas. Mentally, most Arabs do business as it was done in the West 100 years ago."

His partner nods his head in agreement. "Arab businessmen don't know how to package and promote goods for the Jewish market," Samara observed.

But, they noted, Jews have much to learn about the Arab market. Samara, for example, advised a Jewish client to drop the brand name "Zip" because it means penis in Arabic.

Samara, who claims he's the only marketing specialist in the Israeli Arab community, met Gel-

van at Tel Aviv's College of Administration, where he earned a BA degree. Gelvan, who's working on a PhD in economics at the Hebrew University, was Samara's teacher. Gelvan teaches business planning and corporate financing.

Samara was the only Arab student at the college, and before he started his studies there, his contact with Jews had been minimal. Now he is a changed man. "When you sit together, think together and eat together, you begin to understand each other more. It breaks stereotypes and barriers."

With this broad goal in mind, the centre works to advance three basic objectives. With a modest staff working out of a suite of spare offices near Tel Aviv's grimy, noisy central bus station, it provides such services as brokering, technical assistance, loans, management training and networking.

As well, the centre engages in consciousness raising, trying to increase public investment in industrial infrastructure in the Arab sector.

"There are no industrial parks or zones in the Arab community," said Kreimer. "We're trying to convince the government to develop industry in Arab towns."

No breakthroughs have been achieved as yet, but the government seems interested, Kreimer said.

Though neglected, the Arab sector has great potential, particularly in construction, light industry, consumer goods and agriculture. There is an estimated \$50 million (U.S.) in private capital available for investment. The number of businesses has doubled since 1983. The skills of 20,000 university graduates are under-utilized.

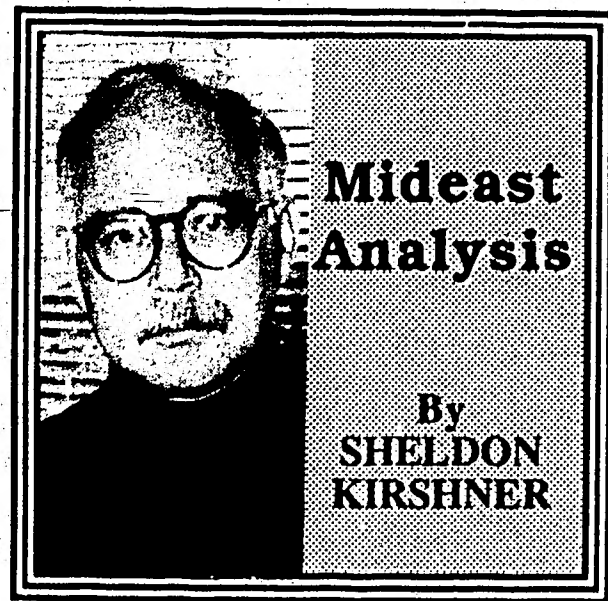
The centre has a fairly long list of accomplishments to its credit.

Most notably, it was instrumental in arranging a \$6 million Arab-Jewish deal for the construction of a mall in Umm el-Fahm, the largest all-Muslim town in Israel. The shopping centre, reportedly the first of its kind in the Arab sector, is scheduled to open in 1995.

Pragmatic considerations made it possible. "An Arab family (in Umm el-Fahm) needed investment capital and know-how," said Kreimer. "The centre conducted a feasibility study, for which it will be paid after the mall opens. Jewish investors stand to gain a lot."

Since its inception, the centre has also brokered deals between El Al Airlines and Mahroum Oriental Sweets, which now supplies baklava and other Middle Eastern desserts for its flights; provided technical assistance and financing for the first partnership between a kibbutz and an Arab family to build a wedding hall and recreation complex; and created a program which enabled 21 young Arabs to start ventures in the food industry, production of building materials and electrical equipment servicing.

This year, Kreimer said, the centre hopes to broker five more joint ventures between Arab and Jewish entrepreneurs and investors; capitalize its loan fund at \$1 million; continue to expand its business planning and financial management courses; expand an Arab-Jewish business forum in Nazareth and start three new ones in northern Israel and Jaffa; mount a campaign to increase government investment in major Arab municipalities; and publish a guide for new entrepreneurs in Hebrew and Arabic.



Mideast Analysis

By
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Hamas — the Islamic Resistance Movement — has stepped up its attacks against Israel since Israel and the PLO reached an agreement on limited Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho and formally recognized each other.

Fiercely opposed to the peace process and Israel's very existence, Hamas has unveiled a new strategy for combating the prospect of Arab-Israeli reconciliation.

In league with secular Palestinian groups which revile PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's rapprochement with Israel, Hamas disclosed plans to establish an alternative leadership to the PLO. This challenge to Arafat's authority will doubtless widen the already yawning gap between these bitter rivals.

Last March, after Israel expelled some 400 Hamas activists and sympathizers to Lebanon, Hamas and the PLO were drawn together in an informal alliance. But even then, they were sharply at odds on two key issues.

The PLO refused to allot 40 percent of the seats on the Palestine National Council — the Palestinians' parliament — to Hamas. And the PLO rejected Hamas' demand to denounce the peace process. As a result, Hamas did not formally join the PLO.

Given Hamas' rejectionist policies, observers were hardly surprised when it took to the streets to lambaste the historic agreement worked out by Israel and the PLO. In Gaza, its stronghold, Hamas issued an inflammatory leaflet which read: "We are announcing a war against the sons of apes and pigs (the Jews) which will not end until the flag of Islam is raised in Jerusalem."

Hamas strikes again

In a preview of what probably lies ahead, Hamas killed five Israelis — four soldiers (three in Gaza and one on the West Bank) and a bus driver south of Ashdod. Hamas also orchestrated violent demonstrations in the territories.

On the eve of these events, Israel charged a senior member of Hamas in connection with a plot to kidnap Yehoshua Saguy, a former head of the General Security Service (Shin Bet) and a candidate for the mayoralty of the Tel Aviv suburb of Bat Yam. Saguy was to have been held until Israel released Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the Hamas leader who's serving a life sentence.

Ardently backed by Iran, and apparently still the recipient of financial aid from Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf countries, Hamas has been engaged in a deadly guerrilla war against Israel for more than a year now.

Israel's controversial decision to expel some 400 Palestinians to Lebanon was taken after Hamas planned and carried out two major incidents — the killing of three Israeli soldiers in Gaza to mark the fifth anniversary of the intifada, and the murder of Nissim Toledano, an Israeli border policeman, in Israel itself.

Shortly after the expulsions, Hamas took responsibility for the murder of Haim Nahmani, an Israeli intelligence agent in Jerusalem. And within weeks of that painful blow, Hamas ambushed and killed two Israeli soldiers in Gaza and stabbed to death an Israeli woman in the Tel Aviv suburb of Holon.

In March, when Israel was beset by a wave of terrorism, Hamas murdered two Israeli policemen near Hadera and several settlers in Gaza. Last month, Hamas was blamed for the abduction and murder of a soldier near Ramallah and the fatal shootings of two soldiers manning a post just across the Green Line on the West Bank.

Israel has struck back. In January, a major Hamas cell based in the West Bank town of Hebron was broken up. Members of that group confessed they had killed several Israeli soldiers. In June, the four murderers of Toledano were caught, and two months later, they were given three consecutive life sentences.

A resilient and dedicated organization, Hamas has not been cowed by Israel's counter-measures. Founded soon after the start of the intifada in December 1987, Hamas has a fairly substantial following, primarily in Gaza. Most analysts believe that Hamas' popularity is a function of appalling economic conditions in Gaza and, until now, of despair with the lack of progress in the peace process. In all likelihood, Hamas' appeal will fade if there are further breakthroughs in the peace process.



Dan Gelvan (left), Ayman Samara and Sarah Kreimer at the Centre for Jewish-Arab Economic Development. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

The Greek bombshell

By JEAN COHEN

A few years ago, Jacquelyn Yermiya wanted to become a nursery teacher in the Greek public school system, but she was rejected because she is Jewish and not Greek Orthodox.

The law at the time said that only Greek Orthodox citizens could become nursery and elementary school teachers in the public school system.

But after a long fight that won support from Greek Catholics, who had also been excluded from teaching, the law was amended.

Most Greeks had thought this discrimination was a matter of the past — until the daily newspaper *Eleftherotipia* recently found and published a report prepared by the Greek Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

According to the report, which originally was circulated last January to only a small number, only those who belong to the Greek Orthodox church can be considered "honest Greeks."

The report says that anyone of a different faith is "not an honest Greek since his sense of patriotism is reduced."

The report goes on to suggest measures that should be taken against "non-honest Greeks."

Among these measures was the suggestion that

only Greek Orthodox citizens should be allowed to enter the theological faculties at universities. Another said that construction licenses should not be issued for building non-Greek Orthodox houses of worship.

In addition, a May 22 directive that referred to the original agency report goes so far as to suggest that those who are not Greek Orthodox should be kept under surveillance.

According to the newspaper's account, the documents show that for five months — without any reaction from government officials — the Greek CIA set up a mechanism to spy on people who were not Greek Orthodox.

On May 27, after the report and the directive were leaked — some say to foreign governments — the Greek government sent a letter to the Greek CIA saying that the report and the directive should be annulled "since its findings are not realistic."

But the newspaper discovered that the annulment order was a forgery. Its only purpose was to satisfy critics; the original agency report was to remain valid and official policy.

Once the story broke, an embarrassed Greek government made one mistake after another.

First it said that the report was only the private idea of a lowly clerk in the religious department of the security agency.

But this was soon perceived as a lie, because the report was signed by the head of the agency, Panagiotis Bale, a 57-year-old retired air force officer.

Bale, it turns out, also signed the directive meant to cancel the initial report.

Then the government said that the person responsible was suspended. But further investigation showed that not only was this person not suspended but he was rewarded a citation.

Finally, on Aug. 5, a spokesperson for the Greek government said that the original agency report was "unrealistic and unacceptable" and "therefore it has been cancelled."

Although 97 percent of the Greek population is Greek Orthodox, there are also numerous Greek Catholics, Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, Presbyterians, Muslims and numerous other religious groups.

Interestingly, although the Greek CIA report mentions 70 different religious and semi-religious organizations here, the Jewish faith is not mentioned at all.

"The report is an embarrassment to all Greeks," said Nissim Mais, president of the Greek Central Jewish Board. "I fail to understand how 50 years after the Second World War, a document like that can be produced in a European country." (JTA)

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Organizations and People

Charest urges business leaders not to abandon PC party

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By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Business people who support the Progressive Conservative party were warned by Deputy Prime Minister Jean Charest not to stay away from the polls in the coming federal election like they did in the 1990 provincial election.

The poor voter turnout by party adherents in 1990 resulted in the election of an NDP provincial government, Charest told a meeting recently in support of Barbara Greene, the PC candidate in Don Valley North.

Charest, a strong contender during the June leadership convention, said his party represents the only chance for national unity. "If the Bloc Populaire in Quebec has its way we'll have an Italian-style government that doesn't function."

He was careful to distance himself from the policies of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. "The leadership convention was a real changing of the guard," he said. "It brought in men and women with new ideas."

Charest ridiculed a proposal by Liberal leader Jean Chretien to eliminate the GST, thus cutting federal revenues by \$15 billion. "But we are not told what they are going to



Jean Charest and Don Valley North MP Barbara Greene.

do instead. After nine years of saying zilch, they're finally getting ready to put out a policy booklet."

He outlined the Conservative election platform. "Our policy on the economy is for deficit reduction, the support of small business, support of research and development, support of training and retraining — we've increased this by 300 percent but we still have a long way to go."

"We are the only national party with a clear policy on trade: 30 percent of our gross domestic product depends on exports. We have more internal trade barriers in Canada than

with the United States and we must overcome them."

The policy of the Liberal party, he maintained, "is to take \$100 million out of your pockets to help small business."

The next few weeks will be exciting ones, the deputy prime minister said. "This is the moment of truth. For the PC party and Kim Campbell, it is good news for the Canadian people who will now face up to the issues. The one essential thing that Canadians are looking for is leadership, the leadership that will give us jobs and safety on the streets."

Maerov takes up new duties at CJF

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When Sheldon (Shelly) Maerov drives up and down Toronto's Bathurst Street, his eyes light up like a kid in a candy store. Coming from Edmonton, with its 4,500-strong Jewish population that is scattered throughout the city, to Toronto, where Jewish shops, synagogues and schools abound in the Bathurst Street corridor, was an exciting move for the community volunteer.

An officer of the National Budgeting and Planning Conference for the past five years, Maerov recently assumed the dual positions of executive-director of the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada (CJF) as well as associate vice-president of CJF.

As executive director, Maerov will direct the organization's activities out of its national head office in Toronto, supervise the activities of NBC, the forum where funds raised through the 10 Jewish federations are allocated to national organizations like Canadian Jewish Congress, work with lay-leaders to develop planning and priorities for beneficiary agencies, develop services for federations, help in leadership development and devise new ways of raising funds.

In his other capacity as associate vice-president, he will serve as a liaison with the U.S.-based CJF, representing the Canadian contingent at the continent-wide organization's meetings in New York.

Despite taking on what appears to be a herculean task, Maerov talks about his new position in terms of how much fun he expects to have. While "it's not 'in' to say you're having fun," you can serve the community and get a real sense of accomplishment, he said.

For Maerov, who left a job as manager of services to persons with

disabilities at the Alberta Family and Social Services Ministry, "my hobby and my job have now become one."

CJF's number one priority is to establish the strongest possible support services for the federations, he said. In a recent interview, Maerov outlined four issues that will be his focus: ensuring Jewish communal continuity; leadership development; ensuring financial stability; human resource development.

Jewish communities throughout the country — particularly the smaller ones — are facing the unhappy situation of seeing their young people leave or cease identifying as Jews, he said. The CJF can through its plan-

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ning and priorities function and through the allocation of resources help design strategies to ensure that synagogues and community centres remain viable service-providers, he said.

If one federation comes up with an effective response to the issue of continuity, the CJF office will make sure that the other federations know about it, he added.

Drawing people into Jewish communal and organizational life is another key function of CJF, he continued. Federations must compete for their constituents' time with other

worthwhile community groups and outside interests, so making community participation "fun" may have an impact on attracting their participation. Giving something back to the community can give individuals a real sense of accomplishment — it has for him, he said.

Turning to an issue that has troubled community fundraisers in recent years, Maerov said financial stability and decreased reliance on annual campaigns are important to local service agencies.

If federations can build a guaranteed financial base through endowment funding, communities can reduce the impact of recessions on their annual fundraising efforts, he said.

"I believe that the survival of our communities will depend on endowments," Maerov said.

Smaller communities, such as Edmonton and London, and even Toronto, were hurt when big contributors were affected by the recession, he pointed out. "When the big givers are shook, everything shakes."

Also important to the continued vitality of the Jewish community is the active recruitment of "bright young people" who will take on professional roles in community organizations and agencies.

Young people must come to see communal affairs as a good career choice, he said. To help that along, CJF can hold seminars and education programs to get out its message that communal jobs are complex and require high levels of skill.

"We're running businesses with massive budgets and dealing with government and that takes a certain level of expertise," he said. "Just as we talk about the care and feeding of volunteers, we've got to talk about the care and feeding of our community professionals."

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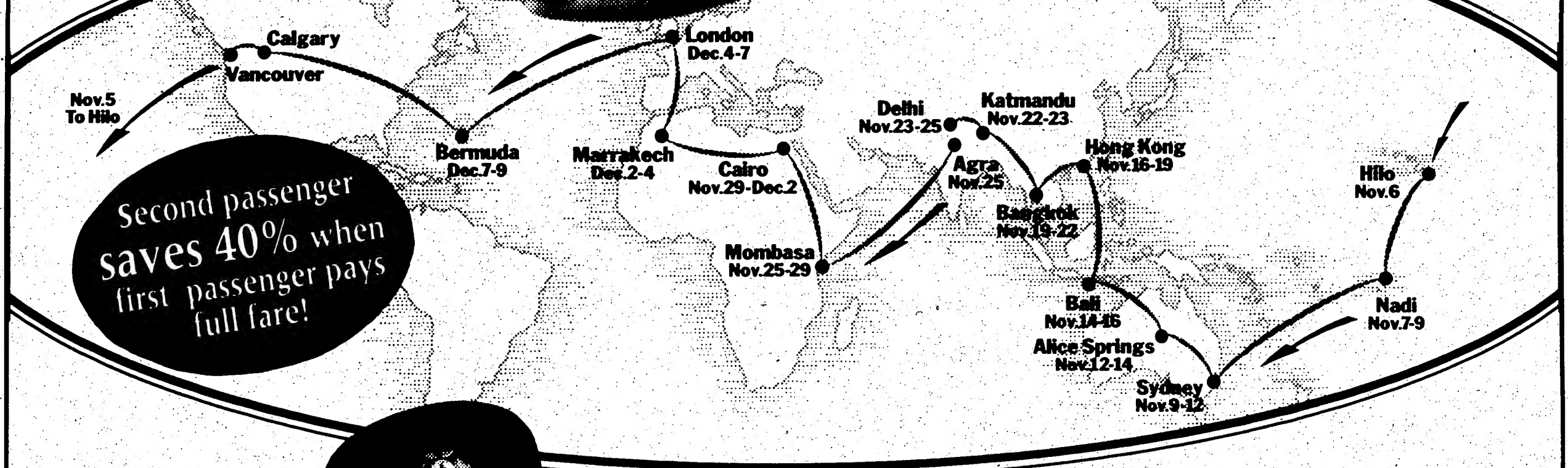
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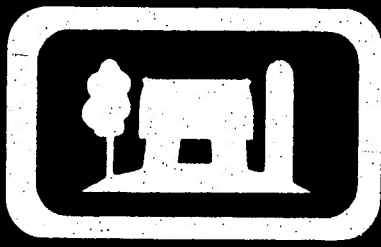
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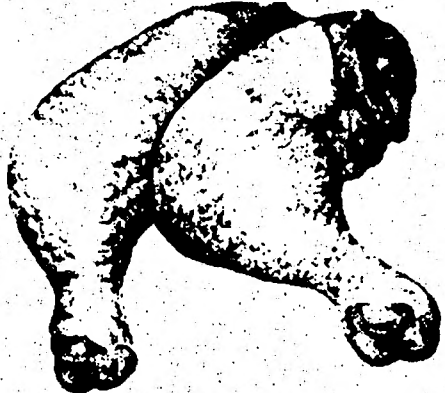
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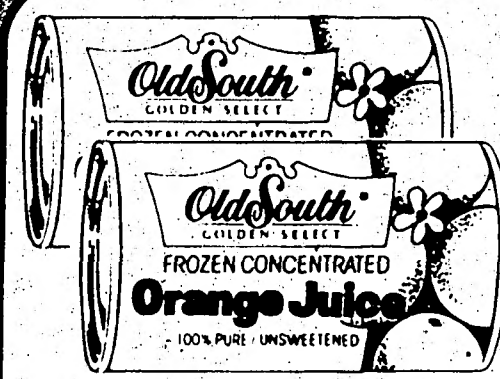
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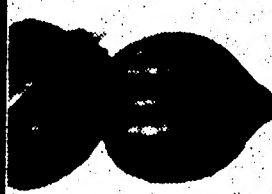
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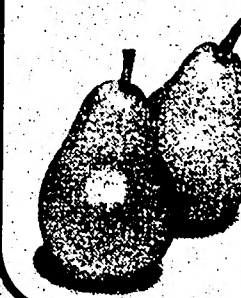
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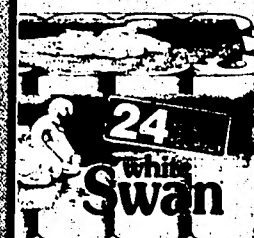
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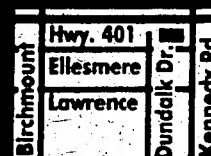
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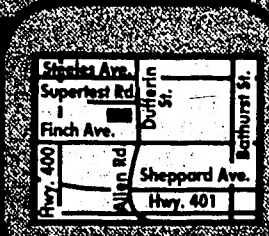
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Organizations and People

Torah scholars urged to discuss ethical issues involving genetics

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Research into the identification, function and alteration of genes is exploding, and Torah scholars must address the ethical issues involved, says a noted rabbi and scientist.

Rabbi Moses Tendler, rosh yeshiva of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) and professor of medical ethics and biology at the institution, was speaking at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue as part of the Perez and Frieda Friedberg lecture series.

Rabbi Tendler explained that the "best minds in the world" are involved in the Genome Project, an international effort to identify, isolate and master every gene in the human genetic structure, some 75,000 genes.

While the potential for good is great, Rabbi Tendler, citing research into altering the gene that causes cystic fibrosis as an example, said the situation is "rife with dilemmas that only the Torah world can resolve."

Torah, he said, is not against scientific research, but within limits.

"We must remember we are guests in G-d's world."

Rabbi Tendler called "a chutzpah" playing around with natural genetic structure purely out of scientific curiosity, rather than out of a genuine attempt to improve the lot of humanity.

"We now have a 'geep' — a cross between a sheep and a goat. That's a chutzpah. We must respect the sanctity of the natural world."

There are many halachic questions that arise out of the new research in the agricultural field, for instance.

"This is a shmitta year," he said, a year when the land must not be planted. "Perennial plants are allowed to be eaten, though. What happens when we change a tomato, an annual plant, into a perennial one. Can we eat it then during a shmitta year?"

Only two genes determine if a fish is kosher, those that lead to scales. If we put scales on a catfish or swordfish, he asked, do they become kosher?

There is a tremendous potential for agricultural improvements, he said. The Negev desert in Israel, for example, could become the "food basket of Israel" by changing the two or three genes that affect salt content.

Wheat could be the perfect protein if it could be genetically altered to contain lysine.

However, he charged, scientists are overlooking these potential advantages because they are looking for some-

thing bigger — changing people.

"Are we going to work on gene therapy or designer people?" he demanded.

He warned of the danger of diagnosis without therapeutic potential. Scientists have isolated 300 disease-causing genes, he said. "But do you really want to know that you are going to get cancer or Alzheimer's disease?"

There are neither the people nor the money to give counselling in genetic matters. As well, Rabbi Tendler said, there is a tendency to give value-laden advice, such as recommending abortion, which is not acceptable halachically.

He also warned against problems in the employment and insurance sectors, suggesting the very real possibility of businesses refusing to hire or insurance companies refusing to cover those with defective genes.

Rabbi Tendler said that in his opinion the greatest danger in gene research is in what he called the "abolition of free will," the so-called "Cain defense."

The Cain defence, he explained, is where people use genetics to rationalize behaviour, such as performing homosexual acts because one carries a gene causing homosexuality, or the XYY criminal defence which claims that the extra Y chromosome causes aggression.

Recent studies, he commented wryly, suggest that people with a tendency to aggression can be helped by proper upbringing and counselling.

The ultimate evil, he said, harkens back to the Holocaust. "The Holocaust was not caused by Hitler: it was caused by scientists, who taught that it was the responsibility of man to improve the gene pool by eliminating those polluting it, like Jews, gypsies, and defectives."

"It is a very small step from getting rid of bad genes to getting rid of the people having those genes."

In reply to a question from the audience, he charged that while the great Torah scholars of today ought to be dealing with these questions, "anti-intellectualism is rife, and that is truncating Torah."

Rabbi Tendler was introduced by Philip Beinhaker and thanked by Rabbi Mark Dratch. Chair of the evening, which was under the auspices of Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University, was Kurt Rothschild.



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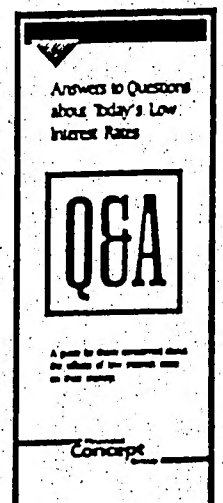
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Reform rabbi heads to Kiev

NEW YORK — Rabbi C. Ariel Stone became the first American liberal rabbi to lead a congregation in the former Soviet Union when she took over the Reform Congregation HaTikvah in Kiev earlier this month.

"This was an offer I couldn't refuse," said the 31-year-old rabbi.

As part of her duties, Rabbi Stone will train Jewish professionals and provide Jewish counselling and education to Ukraine's approximately 8,000 Reform Jews.

"They're afraid to practice Judaism now," Rabbi Stone said. "They want someone to tell them what to do, but I won't do that. Instead, my goal is to break down their fears, to let them create their own Ukraine

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CJC Pacific region sets issues for B.C. Jewish community

ELECTION WATCH '93

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Pacific region wants the federal government to establish a mandatory minimum sentence for all crimes where hatred of a person on the basis of religion, nationality, ethnic origin and sexual orientation and gender is the motivating factor in the commission of the criminal act. In cases of hate bias crime, statements of the victim impact should be read into the court record.

This is one of the principal recommendations of the CJC's governmental relations committee, reported recently at an "election countdown" meeting. Herb Silber chairs the committee.

In its presentation, Issues of Concern to the Jewish Community of British Columbia, the committee asks also that a federal/provincial task force be established operating with specially trained personnel that will share information nationally and internationally "and pursue a highly aggressive enforcement policy against all persons or organizations which promote and instigate hate crimes."

Proposed also is the convening of a federal/provincial conference to develop and implement national standards to investigate, prosecute and curtail white supremacist neo-Nazi hate group activities.

Congress says that while utilizing the Criminal Code has been the most appropriate vehicle to prosecute hate crimes, the difficulties involved in preparing prosecutions have enabled many individuals "to continue with their objectionable conduct with impunity." CJC believes that other forms of legal remedies should be used in connection with the Criminal Code. These alternative legal avenues would include civil remedies, the use of injunctive relief and contempt of court sanctions.

In a foreword to the Issues of Concern document, Renee Switzer Bellas, regional chair, says the region works with and maintains links with all provincial parties and all levels of government. The document is designed to familiarize and sensitize politicians of Jewish concerns. "This exercise," she says, "is consistent with our tradition of participating actively in the democratic process and contributing to the definition of a more open and progressive society. The Canadian Jewish Congress offers our support to all levels of government in addressing these issues."

In addition to actions dealing with racist and discriminatory behavior, government must take positive steps to improve the climate of tolerance.

says the CJC. It calls for a more comprehensive multicultural education program and says school and university libraries should take "immediate steps to fill the void that presently exists with regard to materials on cultural communities."

The report adds that governments at all levels "should demonstrate increased sensitivity to the religious practices of its employees, and governments must encourage the private sector to recruit and train qualified members of cultural and minority groups for employment."

limits of the flow of migrants into Canada are reasonable to manage the country's immigration and refugee processes." But at the same time, "efficiency and control should not be mutually exclusive of fairness and compassion, and the government of Canada's immigration and refugee policies must be guided by a spirit of humanitarianism and justice."

The CJC adds that no immigration policy will succeed without incorporating adequate measures for the integration of immigrants and calls for increased access to English as a Second Language (ESL) courses as "a matter of significant importance."

Increased Canadian trade with Israel is also called for. "The goal of Israel, as it converts to a peacetime economy, is to increase considerably the volume of foreign trade and foreign investments with all countries including Canada."

Specifically, says the report, British Columbia exported mineral resources and agricultural products to Israel valued at \$10 million in 1992 but imported only \$1 million worth of goods. "The potential for increased trade, to the mutual benefit of both B.C. and Israel, is significant." The report notes that trade between Israel and all of Canada in 1992 totalled \$300 million.

Congress recommends that the B.C. government work with CJC in establishing a B.C. branch of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce to promote trade between the two countries.

Canadian trade with Israel

Establishment by the federal government of a multicultural department is endorsed by CJC but notes that "what is enacted through legislation can be undone by legislation," and wants multiculturalism entrenched as a fundamental characteristic of Canadian society "through integration into the corpus of the Canadian constitution."

Discussing immigration and refugee policies of the federal government, Congress "accepts that some

Hadassah-WIZO bazaar adds 'Wall of Friendship'

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — At 69, the Hadassah-WIZO bazaar may no longer be a spring chicken among major Jewish events, but the venerable institution will be adding a new wrinkle to its annual extravaganza this year.

On Oct. 27, when the bazaar convenes at the CNE Automotive Centre, it will feature a "Wall of Friendship" honoring individuals and businesses who have contributed to Hadassah-WIZO.

"The wall of friendship is designed to give [contributors] the opportunity to give \$18 and up and get a tax-deductable receipt," said Rebecca Dennis, spokeswoman for the committee organizing the wall campaign.

People or businesses are asked to contribute in one of five categories — \$18, \$36, \$50, \$100, or more than \$100. To honor each contributor, a "brick" bearing their name will be placed on the Wall of Friendship, Dennis said. Each category will be named for a city in Israel, such as Eilat, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. Contributors of \$100 or more will receive two complimentary tickets to the bazaar.

Dennis said the funds raised are earmarked for the 660-bed Asaf

Harofe Hospital, located northwest of Rehovot, and to the Nahalal Agricultural School, southeast of Haifa. Some of the money raised will remain for charitable purposes in Canada, she added.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has supported Asaf Harofe since 1950, with contributions from Canada going towards a hydro-therapy pool, a day-care centre, a diagnostic imaging facility and to help the school of nursing. The hospital currently serves a population of about 250,000 and admits more than 30,000 patients annually.

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JNF Negev Dinner to honor McDonald's Cohon

TORONTO — George A. Cohon will be the honoree at the 45th annual Negev Dinner. The event is scheduled to take place on Nov. 28, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Cohon is the senior chair of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada and serves as vice chair of McDonald's — Moscow. He is recognized across the country for his business success, philanthropic undertakings and community service. He and his wife Susan are the parents of two sons — Craig, 30, is the general director of Coca Cola Refreshments in Moscow while Mark, 27, serves as director of corporate development of Major League Baseball International based in New York City. Susan Cohon has, in her own right, played a leading role in many charitable undertakings and community causes.

Cohon has been involved in Jewish community affairs as well as numerous groups and organizations in the broader community. He is the recipient of the Israel Prime Minister's Medal, the Humanitarian Award of B'nai Brith Cana-

da, the Human Relations Award of the Canadian Council of Christian and Jews and an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Haifa. He is a director of *The Canadian Jewish News*, Ontario Men's ORT, and the Canadian Friends of Haifa University. He serves as a Governor of the Baycrest Centre and Mt. Sinai Hospital and has been national campaign chair for State of Israel Bonds in Canada. In 1985, he was associate chair of Jewish National Fund (JNF) Toronto's annual Negev Dinner.

Holding a B.Sc degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and a Juris Doctorate degree in Law from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Cohon has maintained links with the academic community as a member of the board of overseers of Harvard College — Russian Research Centre, as trustee of Drake University, a director of York University and a founding member of the Law Development Board of Northwestern University School of Law.

His success in the business world is

well-known and has been recognized by a number of universities and corporate institutions. He currently serves as a director of several corporate boards including the Royal Bank of Canada, Astral Inc., The Toronto Sun Publishing Company, QUNO Corporation and, of course, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada.

Public service

His public service has earned Cohon a reputation as a dynamo in the leadership ranks of charitable institutions. Whether as the founder of Ronald McDonald Houses, as co-chair of the Toronto Santa Claus Parade, as North American president of the International Association of Children's Funds or as a very involved volunteer in the leader-

ship ranks of Variety Village, Cohon has exhibited a lifelong concern for the welfare of young people everywhere. His activities have also involved organizations which benefit the adult community but his particular concern has always been children.

As a result, the special project to be dedicated in honor of Cohon by the JNF on the occasion of the Negev Dinner will be The George A. Cohon Family Youth Centre to be located near the Toronto Community Forest at Yatir in the northern Negev Desert in Israel. The centre will be a cultural, recreation and dining pavilion serving Camp Yatir, a young peoples facility operated by the Jewish National Fund.

Pat Alpert, president of JNF of Toronto, has also announced that Paul V. Godfrey, president of The Toronto Sun Publishing Company, will chair the dinner. Campaign co-chairs will be Hershell Ezrin, Philip Green-span and Tom Ungar. They will lead a team of 200 volunteers during the period of the campaign leading up to the dinner itself.



George A. Cohon

Reform rabbi aims to break fears in Kiev

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Rabbi Stone was ordained in 1991 from the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City and spent two years as assistant rabbi at Temple Israel in Miami, Fla. She is fluent in Hebrew and Russian.

Rabbi Stone's Ukrainian work is under the auspices of the World Union For Progressive Judaism, the worldwide umbrella of Reform and liberal Jewry. International affairs director Rabbi Clifford Kulwin said previous placements in the former Soviet Union have lasted no longer than a few weeks because of the rabbis' family and congregational commitments.

"We expect Rabbi Stone's enthusiasm, vibrant personality and Jewish spirit to inspire everyone with whom she comes in contact," said Rabbi Kulwin.

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Organizations and People

Drabinsky urges Jewish leaders to back staging of Show Boat

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Failure of the leadership of the Toronto Jewish community to back him in his staging of *Show Boat* was deplored recently by Garth Drabinsky, chairman of Live Entertainment Inc.

"I continue to be the target of anti-Semitic statements which are causing me a lot of pain and anguish," Drabinsky said.

"What disturbs me the most is the silence of the leaders in both the Jewish and black community."

He spoke at a Beth Tzedec Israel Bonds Committee testimonial honoring Rabbi David Monson, noting that Rabbi Monson was the inspiration for his love of Israel and that he and the rabbi had a 40-year association.

"If he (Monson) was still actively preaching today he would not have kept silent," Drabinsky said.

"You would think in these days, when Jewish grave-stones are being desecrated in Europe, that the Jewish community would unite on an issue like this and take action in supporting *Show Boat* like the United Way, *The Star*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The Sun*, CFRB and CFTO-TV have done."

Some in the black community have called for cancellation of the *Livevent* production on the grounds that it stereotypes blacks and have picketed the *Show Boat* box office outside the new North York Performing Arts Centre where the show begins previews Oct. 5.

Drabinsky said Rabbi Monson had shown leadership by being the first rabbi, in 1952, to promote the sale of Israel Bonds from his pulpit at Beth Shalom. It was the subject of leadership, and its trials of the past months, that led him to discuss his difficulties with *Show Boat*.

He recalled the beginning of the trouble when he was "attacked" by North York School Trustee Stephanie Payne, two years after he first announced he was bringing *Show Boat* to Toronto.

"She alleged it was hate literature in the form of entertainment. Her allegation is false, a misconception based on ignorance. *Show Boat* is one of the greatest musicals of all time; decrying racial intolerance."

"Then on national TV she said it was whites, mostly Jews, who denigrate blacks. There have been vile and repugnant anti-Semitic statements about the power of oppressors against the powerless."

Turning to the main subject of the evening, Drabinsky said Jews must re-affirm their support for Israel, "even as we celebrate and savor a new peace for the Middle East."

Israel Bonds have raised \$13 billion for Israel since their inception, he said.

Drabinsky paid tribute to Rabbi Monson as a "man of great faith, wisdom and learning, widely admired and respected for his ecumenical record."

In responding, Rabbi Monson declared, "without Israel we would not enjoy any of the privileges we do

in Canada. Israel is our life and inspiration." Noting that five Jews were killed even as the peace accord drew near, he said: "There will be real peace only when Jews will be able to live out their days in Israel as we do in Canada."

Beth Tzedec members have led all other synagogues in Canada in the purchase of Israel Bonds in the past 10 years, and is among the top three in North America, said George Glass, synagogue president.

"Jerusalem will remain forever the capital of Israel," said Israeli consul general Dror Zeigerman in a brief speech. Describing himself as a supporter of the Camp David Accord, Zeigerman said of the agreement just concluded, "We are doing this for the next generation."

Among other speakers were Gabriel Grushcow, chairman for the evening, and co-chairman of the Israel Bonds committee, senior Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, and Marvin Miller, Bonds co-chairman.

A mezuzah was presented to Drabinsky and an engraved plaque to Rabbi Monson.



At the Israel Bonds dinner honoring Rabbi David Monson (third from left) are (from left) Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Garth Drabinsky, Rabbi Monson, George W. Glass and Cantor Paul H. Kowarsky.

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TORONTO — The National New Leadership Division of State of Israel Bonds will hold its fall conference at the award-winning PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach, Florida, October 27-31, announced Daniel Katz, North American New Leadership chairman.

More than 200 participants, aged 25-45 are expected to attend the five day, four night gathering, "demonstrating the support of North America's young Jewish community for Israel and its people," says Katz. "We're all very excited about this year's conference and we anticipate overwhelming success and enthusiasm as we shape and define the objectives of the Israel Bonds campaign for 1994," Katz added.

Michael Kerzner, Toronto recruitment Chairman, commented that, "in addition to providing an ideal forum for interaction among young Jewish leaders from throughout North America, the conference is a perfect mid-autumn get-away." During the day, the focus is on relaxation, with tennis, golf, swimming and fitness programs among the options from which to choose. Instruction is available at a nominal cost and there will be organized tournaments as well.

The cost of U.S. \$550 includes four nights lodging (double occupancy) at the PGA National Resort & Spa, which was recently rated number two on *Money Magazine's* "America's Best Values" list, plus all breakfasts and dinners.

For additional information, please call Marcia Cohen at State of Israel Bonds (416) 789-3351.

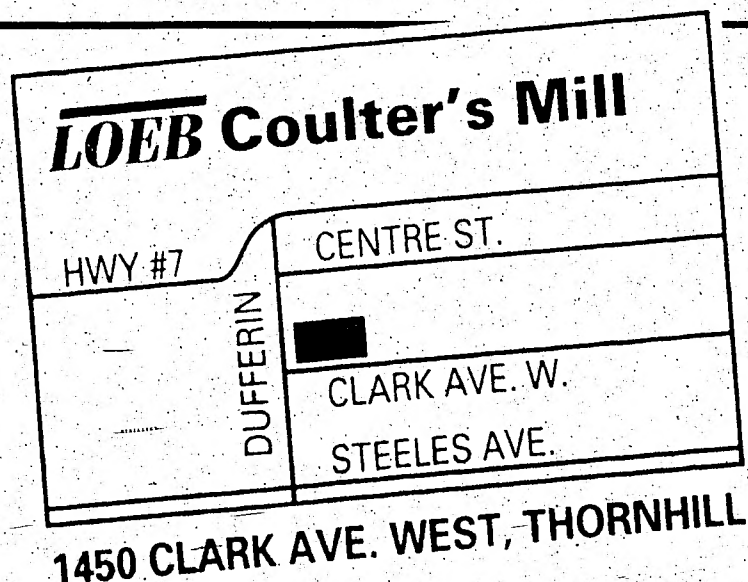
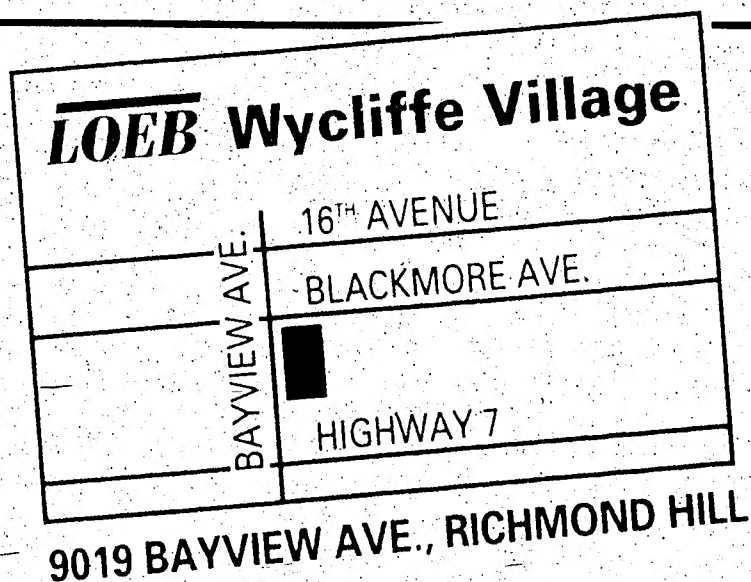
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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Please note these holiday deadlines for What's New and About People. Monday, Sept. 27, is deadline for Oct. 14 issue, and Monday, Oct. 4, is deadline for Oct. 21 issue. I am at my desk on deadline days to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Sunday, Sept. 26

JEWISH MYSTICISM

An informal study group on the Zohar, the classic of mysticism, meets 1 p.m. in downtown Toronto. Group reads the Zohar as a work of Jewish mythology and shares traditional and personal insights. To attend or for information, call Justin Lewis, 538-4060.

PSYCHEDELIC SUPER BBQ

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization of the Lake Ontario Region invites all youth, ages 14-19 (Grades 9-13), to a Psychedelic Super Sunday BBQ at 11:30 a.m. at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. For more information, call Yael at the BBO office, 635-9411.

ARTIST'S TALK

Yvonne Singer, whose exhibition entitled In Memoriam: Forgetting and Remembering Frag-

ments of History is on view at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch through Oct. 13, will be speaking at the JCC at 12:30 p.m.

GRANDPARENTS WELCOME

The GRAND (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) Society first fall meeting is at 1 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. Guest speaker will be a family lawyer, followed by a question-and-answer period. Charge is \$5 non-members.

SUMMER IN SEPTEMBER PARTY

AYJA (Association of Young Jewish Adults) is holding a Summer in September Party at 8 p.m. at P.W.D.'s, 88 Yorkville Ave. Cover is \$10 and proceeds will go to the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. AYJA is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization for ages 22-35. For information, call 760-4149.

FAMILY CONCERT

The City of Vaughan presents The Treetop Kids, 11 a.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave., W., Thornhill. Admission is \$2 adult, \$1 child. For further information, call Karen Turack, 881-6580.

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

The public is invited to the Lansing Residence, 10 Senlac Rd., at 2:15 p.m. for an afternoon of

music with Randy Armour. This is sponsored by International Health Information Service. RSVP by calling 250-7029.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

AQUARIUS CHAPTER, BBW

Aquarius Chapter, B'nai Brith Women, is having an opening meeting with guest speaker Aha-va Spillman speaking on Eight Commandments for Communication. Guests and friends are welcome. For further information, call Anna Bloom, 221-4864 or Viki Rumack, 783-3569.

MEDINA THEATRE ENSEMBLE

Medina Theatre Ensemble is holding its annual general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Guest speaker is noted Canadian actor/director Sean Mulcahy. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Roselle Stone, 633-2057.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents The Art of Breastfeeding to help with proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties and adjusting to the role of a new mother. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies are welcome. The time is 8 p.m. at 127 Chelwood, Thornhill. For information, call Joyce, 881-8779, or Robin, 886-8364, or Karen, 512-7974, or Risa, 738-8870.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

At the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto meeting, taking place 3 p.m. at the Royal York Hotel, guest speaker will be Dr. B. Ted Boardway, director of the Ontario Medical Association's Department of Health Policy and author of *Chicken Soup and Nostrums*, a book on folk medicine and medical myths. Guest tickets are \$8. For information, call 923-2900.

And What Else Is New...

VISIT U.S. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee is organizing once again a guided tour to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., Oct. 18 and 19. This tour is for survivors, children of survivors, educators and anyone who is interested. For applications, call Pnina Spetgang, 635-2883, ext. 144.

BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM

Beth Tzedec Congregation adult education committee fall Beth Midrash program consists of eight Tuesday night lectures beginning Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. The first series of four lectures will be led by Prof. Arnold Ages on the theme What Is Judaism? An Eclectic Approach, examining the ideas of four contemporary theologians. The second four-lecture series, led by Morton Manilla as part of the Ita and Eliezer Zeisler Endowed Beth Midrash Series, will be Israel Today: Conflict and Controversy, a theme involving the peace process, the media, cultural conflicts and Islamic fundamentalism.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kashruth Council of Toronto Kosher Cooking School is presenting the following Tuesday evening courses this fall: Low Fat High Fibre, Part II (Series V21), Oct. 19; Chinese (Series V16), Oct. 26; Convenience Meals, Part II (Series V22), Nov. 9; Breads and Pastries Galore (Series V14), Nov. 16. All sessions take place at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Fee is \$15 per session. For information and registration details, call 635-9550.

EMUNAH WOMEN HAPPENINGS

Emunah Women of Toronto is once again holding its popular Israeli dance classes for women at Congregation B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave. Course starts Sunday Oct. 3, beginners/intermediate at 6:30 p.m., intermediate/advanced at 7:30. For registration and further information, call 635-9847.

Emunah Women invites you to join in a trip to Washington, Oct. 17-20. The low price of \$300 includes transportation, hotel, visit to the Holocaust Museum, and sightseeing. For registration and information, call Magda, 787-4763 or 635-9847. Deadline is Sept. 29.

TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

For the second year in a row, the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir has been invited to perform at a special concert for the annual Arts Week (Sept. 25-Oct. 3). The choir, directed by Esther Ghan-Firestone and accompanied by pianist Lina Zelman, will be featured at the afternoon-long Urban ARtery event at BCE Place (Front Street between Yonge and Bay), Sunday, Oct. 3, between 2 and 4:30 p.m. The choir will perform



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Lea Hoffman (left), a member of the Chentstochover Society, is honored for her generous donation to Yad Sarah in memory of her husband Jack Hoffman. Yad Sarah is an independent organization in Israel that provides home care services unavailable through the country's health plan. Presenting the plaque is Ellie Korenblum.

excerpts from the folk operetta *Rozhinkes mit Mandlen*. For information, call the Toronto Arts Foundation, 597-8223.

Also, the choir welcomes new singers in all voice ranges. For information, call Eddie Sterk, 630-7717, or Enid Moscovitch (evenings), 778-8878.

SERIES FOR COUPLES

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Jewish Family & Child Service are offering a six-week series for couples where one partner is the child of a survivor. Discussion will focus on the common concerns and unique challenges this partnership presents. Series begins Wednesday, Oct. 13. Topics include parenting styles, relationships with parents, children, in-laws and improving communication. Call Pnina Spetgang, 635-2883, or Pat Lieberman, 638-7800, ext. 215, for details.

ISRAELI ARAB COEXISTANCE

Israeli Arab Coexistence is the topic Rabbi Eugene Weiner, a sociology professor at Haifa University, will be addressing at the Tuesday, Oct. 5, meeting sponsored by the Canada Israel Forum, an organization that fosters dialogue and meaningful interactions between Diaspora Jews and Israelis. The Yad BeYad Adult Volunteer Program (teaching English to olim in Israel) is one of its key projects. For details, call 782-2898 or 487-3257.

SHORT CUTS

Leadership Sinai of Mount Sinai Hospital is hosting the Canadian premiere showing of Robert Altman's new film, *Short Cuts*, Monday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Hyland Theatre, 1501 Yonge St. For tickets (\$20 per person), call Kathryn Henkenhaf at Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation, 586-8240 or fax 586-8499. Tax receipts for \$12 per ticket. A limited number of tickets are available.

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

As a community service, the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association is holding an all-candidates meeting Sunday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue with Isabel Bassett, PC, Art Eggleton, Liberal, and M. Rodrigues, NDP. Moderator is Norman Gardner. This is an opportunity to ask questions and express your concerns.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service's group adults suffering from chronic fatigue/fibromyalgia will begin in October. For more information, call Marsha Berniker at JF&CS, 638-7800, ext. 257.

Other groups offered are Life Skills (increase personal effectiveness by focusing on self-awareness and communication skills, begins Oct. 18); For Women Only, begins Oct. 19; and Parenting the Preteen, begins Oct. 12). For information concerning fees and registration, call Pat Lieberman, 638-7800.

HOLIDAY SERVICE IN CORNWALL

Rabbi Mordechai Bulua of Montreal is conducting High Holy Day services at Beth El Synagogue in Cornwall.

TANACH-BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A group is being formed to study Tanach-Bible on a weekly basis, most likely on Thursdays either 9-10 a.m. or 10-11 a.m. This group will study the First Book of Kings in the English language. A knowledge of Hebrew is desirable as the text will be read in Hebrew, followed by a discussion in English. The approach in interpreting the text will be both from the point of view

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FASHION SHOW

Emunah Women of Toronto recently held a fashion show at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Seen above are (standing) co-chairs Magda Ruzohorsky (left) and Magda Klein, and (seated) president Dorothy Zeifmen and model co-ordinator Rochelle Rosenblum.

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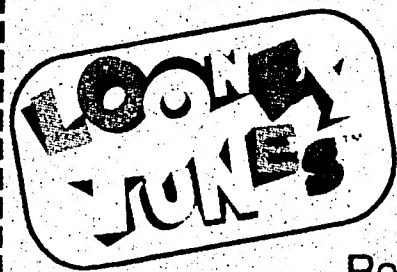
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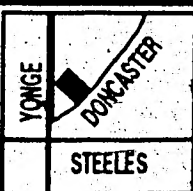
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SUPERWALK FOR PARKINSON'S

The Toronto Chapter of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada is holding the Superwalk for Parkinson's Sunday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. The walk, approximately eight miles, starts and finishes at Earl Bales Park. You don't have to walk — you can run, skip, stroll or be pushed. Contact the Toronto Chapter office, 222-4232, for details.

PEANUT CAMPAIGN

Kidney Foundation volunteers aren't nuts, they're just selling them to raise money in aid of kidney patients. Annual Peanut Campaign organizers at the Central Ontario Branch hope to raise \$145,000. During September and October, you can purchase bags of peanuts at specific hospitals, schools, corporations and possibly from your neighbor! Each \$3 bag contains 16 snack packets. For more information, call the Branch office at 445-0373.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

Holocaust survivors who wish to record their stories have been participating in the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Documentation Project since 1987. If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew, or in the resistance, the committee would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony.

For further information and an application form, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

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Scouts will be meeting at Jewish Community Centre Bloor-Y branch on Mondays, beginning Sept. 27, 4:30-6 p.m. There are two groups, Beavers for ages 5-7, and Wolves for ages 8-10. It's open to boys and girls. To register and for more information, call **Luni**, 924-6211.

B'nai Brith Youth Organization is starting a chapter at the Bloor Y branch. Interested teens are asked to call **Luni**, 924-6211.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events: Sunday dance with live band, Sept. 26, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; the movie *Algiers* starring **Charles Boyer** and **Hedy Lamar**, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m.; Saturday dance, Oct. 2, 7-10 p.m.; Grand Bazaar Sunday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Buffalo trip, Thursday, Oct. 14 (\$20); general election meeting, Monday, Oct. 18, 1-4 p.m. Also, North York Board of Education programs — bridge, fitness, line dancing, yoga — are in full swing. For information, call 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). The movie *Festival of Entertainment and Laughter* (in Hebrew) is screened Sept. 22. For information, phone 783-9453 or 635-5604. Club will be closed Sept. 29 for Sukkot.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that a Florida trip is in the planning. Ongoing programs are fitness, Stretch and Strengthen, line dancing. For information on all activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

At the **Wagman Centre** a movie will be shown Sunday, Sept. 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Singer/guitarist **Lisa Shein** performs Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Senior Adult Services in the Annex, 300 Bloor St. W. fall schedule includes Board of Education programs in bridge instruction, painting/art instruction, Tai Chi, adventures in learning plus crafts, senior lunch club, calligraphy, line dancing, trips and outings. To register or for information, call **Jennifer Ford**, 923-8909.

A reminder that international dancing for seniors with **Teme Kernerman** will be held Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. This is free to members. For further information, call Teme Kernerman, 636-1880, ext. 364, or **Elaine Burke**, ext. 273.

Funtime 55 Plus travel group is arranging a winter holiday at Colonial Inn in Miami Beach,

Fla., for four, six and eight weeks. Also, two day trips, one to Stratford to see *Gypsy*, Thursday, Nov. 4, and the other to Stage West for **Neil Simon's Jake's Women** Wednesday, Nov. 17. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

On Monday, Sept. 27, a presentation by the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens Organizations about issues concerning all seniors, such as medicare, drugs, pensions, housing, income tax and more, takes place 1-2 p.m. Then at 2:30 p.m., there's an all-candidates meeting for Willowdale where you can question your candidates about these issues. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact **Helen** or **Sheila**, 225-2112, or **Felicia**, 635-2860.

Also on Monday, Sept. 27, the Centre's creative writers read at a picnic in the park at Earl Bales Common Room, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring or buy your lunch.

Come and join in intergenerational programs with 5- to 10-year-old active and caring students for reading circles, arts and crafts, woodworking, joint choir sessions, bingo. If interested, contact **Shari Ecclestone**, 225-2112.

Become a member of the new osteoporosis support group with **Debbie Howe**, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1:30-3 p.m. Call **Brenda** or **Sandra**, 225-2112, for further information.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults, is celebrating its fourth anniversary Wednesday, Oct. 13, with a full dinner and dance with singer **Boris Neiman** and others. Tickets are \$16 members, \$18 non-members. For information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie, *84 Charing Cross Road*, will be screened Sunday, Sept. 26, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members \$1.

The Wednesday afternoon social Sept. 29, 1:30 p.m., features a program of songs in many languages with **Rachel Kastriano**. Members \$3, non-members \$4.

About People

TVONTARIO APPOINTMENT

Toronto resident and consultant **Susan Stern** has been appointed TVOntario Southcentral Regional Councillor. She joins a 15-member advisory council, offering her volunteer services to TVOntario.



Susan Stern

A member of Holy Blossom Temple, Stern currently works as an independent fundraising and communications consultant. She has recently been appointed arts commissioner for the City of York. Stern has been involved with many social, community and cultural groups in Toronto. She lectures on Jews in American popular entertainment and is a founding member of the Toronto Operetta. Stern emigrated from Hungary in 1957.

Stern has been appointed by the TVOntario board of director for a three-year term.

A NEW LOCAL TALENT

Miriam Schott, a member of the Heritage Group of the Wagman Centre, just appeared in her first one-woman show at the Centre earlier this month under the stage name **Miriam Sheyn**. Her specialty is "laughter and tears in Yiddish, English, Hebrew." She is now looking for bookings for the spring and summer of 1994. The number is 398-4752.

CANADA 125 AWARDS

In recognition of significant contribution to Canada, community and to fellow Canadians, Canada 125 awards were presented to **Alex Caspi**, board member of Canadian ORT-Ontario region, and to four people associated with Baycrest Centre: President and CEO **Stephen W. Herbert**, Baycrest Terrace resident and president of the residents committee **Selim Sassoon**; board of directors member **Fred Karp**; and Carl Keyfetz, a patient in Baycrest Hospital and former member of the board of directors.

POET HONORED

Donia Blumenfeld Clenman has just returned from the XIV World Congress of Poets in Monterrey, Mexico, where she was honored with a double award; the first honorary mention in the **Miriam Lindberg Israel Poetry Peace Prize** for her poem *No Wonder the Map is Difficult* and a plaque from the World Academy of Arts and Culture for her services as director/judge for the International Laureates for Children (laureates are **Judy Millar** of Canada and **Esther Cameron** of

the U.S.). Clenman was also appointed to serve on the editorial committee of a new journal, 2000: *International Poetry Review—A World Beyond Violence*.

Clenman reports that she will be reading for the League of Canadian Poets in the annual Word on the Street, an all-day literary event in Toronto Sunday, Sept. 26.



UJA DIVISION MEETING

Perry Romberg (third from left), executive director of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, addressed the opening meeting of the Accountants Division of the United Jewish Appeal. Pictured with him (from left) are UJA Accountants Division vice-chair **Joy Shuchat**; co-chair **George Weinberger**; co-chair **Stephen Altbaum**; vice-chair **Robert Furman**; and vice-chair **Arthur Stern**. The Accountants Division hopes to raise over \$1.5 million for the annual UJA campaign. JIAS is a direct beneficiary of UJA through its allocation from the Council of Jewish Federations.

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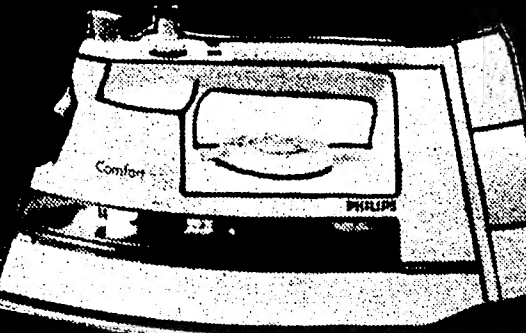
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SENIOR EDUCATORS PROGRAM

Debbie Litwick (left), teacher at the United Synagogue Day School in Toronto, receives her certificate upon completing the Senior Educators Program at the Samuel Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem School of Education. Presenting the certificate is **Howard Deitcher**, academic director of the Senior Educators Program, which provides Diaspora Jewish educators an opportunity to spend a year at the university.

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Organizations and People

Liberal, Tory hopefuls back for battle in Don Valley North

ELECTION WATCH '93

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Two candidates who went head to head in the 1988 election in Don Valley North are back in the ring again, this time with two newcomers.

In 1988, Progressive Conservative Barbara Greene defeated Liberal Sarkis Assadourian by a scant 450 votes. In this election, they are joined in the race by David Lu, the New Democratic candidate and Peter Cobbold, the latter the first Reform Party hopeful in this area in a federal election.

It's a diverse riding, whose history only goes back to 1988, and is described by Greene, its present MP, "as a riding of minorities."

Don Valley North takes in the area bounded by Steeles, Victoria Park, Highway 401, the Don River, Finch and Bayview.



Sarkis Assadourian

The momentous news of the peace agreement between Israel and the PLO came as the election campaign got underway and all four candidates greeted the news enthusiastically.

All four thought Canada should do whatever is necessary to help make the peace agreement work, even to the extent of Canada committing even more troops to Middle East peace keeping efforts, with Cobbold making the caveat that the Reform Party has not adopted a foreign policy and he was speaking personally on this issue.

The issue of immigration brought out the sharpest differences among the candidates. Liberal Assadourian, for example, protested the Conservative government's decision to transfer immigration to a new Public Security portfolio. "This gives the public a negative impression that immigrants are law breakers," he said.

MP Greene, on the other hand, said it was a logical move which will put immigration and customs officers at the airports in the same department and will save taxpayers a lot of money.

Reform candidate Cobbold had sharp criticism of the family reunification program, claiming it is being widely abused at great expense to the taxpayer and that only children



Peter Cobbold

under the age of 21 should be permitted into Canada under this program.

NDPer Lu, an immigrant from Vietnam in 1979, who sponsored his own parents and sister to come to Canada, believes that the family reunification program could bring even better benefits if it was run by better-trained immigration officers.

The four candidates reflect, in their own careers, the diversity of the riding. Greene was a teacher and high profile politician in North York before entering the federal lists. Assadourian, a businessman who emigrated from Armenia, has been executive director of the Armenian Community Association. Lu is an employee of the city of Toronto helping unorganized workers in their re-



Barbara Greene

lations with employers, while Cobbold, a native of England who lived in Jamaica for many years, is vice-president of Arrow Games, a distribution company.

There are some interesting differences as well on how the candidates view the problem of national unity, particularly the prospect of the elec-



David Lu

tion resulting in a minority government.

MP Greene said that the PC party is the only one that can command a majority in parliament because of its strength in Quebec, a view sharply disputed by Liberal Assadourian who said that such strength is a mirage and that his party offers the best hope.

For Reformer Cobbold the question of national unity should be resolved by regions of the country deciding their own priorities. "Of course Canada must include Quebec." On the language issue, he suggested that a policy of bilingualism (English and French) should be in force for senior levels of government and the Supreme Court of Canada but that any province should be free to declare its own language policy. "If Quebec wants French, that's okay, and if Ontario wants to be unilingual English, that's okay too."

NDPer Lu said Canada has been united for 125 years and he sees no prospect of the country breaking up. "I'm confident that on election day Canadians will make the right decision, but I'm in no position to tell the regional parties what to do."

Assadourian accused the Conservative government of "dragging" its feet on the prosecution of war criminals, while Greene said it was a Conservative government which made prosecutions of such criminals possible in Canada. NDPer Lu said wherever such criminals are living, whether in South America or North America, "they should be hunted down and brought to justice."

Although his party has no specific policy on war criminals, Reformer Cobbold said he believes governments should be paying close attention to briefs which Jewish organizations have given to various governments asking for strengthening of laws on this issue.

'Happiest Day of the Year' as couples tie the knot again

TORONTO — "The Happiest Day of the Year" has officially been proclaimed as such by Mayor Mel Lastman, City of North York.

This event, to be held on Nov. 10, at the Beth Avraham Synagogue, will provide the opportunity for several Russian couples living in Toronto who were previously married only by civil law in Russia to now enjoy the privilege of a Jewish wedding ceremony under a chupah.

This third gala wedding is also a

fundraiser for the Jewish Russian Community Centre that provides services and programs to the 25,000 Russian Jews living in Toronto.

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Organizations and People

Cotler, Dershowitz debate freedom of expression

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — While it wasn't the barn-burner many had hoped for, the recent much-touted debate between human rights activists Irwin Cotler and Alan Dershowitz nevertheless got people thinking about an age-old problem.

Taking opposite sides in the argument over whether freedom of expression in a democracy should have limits imposed, the two law professors, fiery orators and old friends went toe to toe in an entertaining evening of high-brow legal theatrics, moderated by Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella.

Taking a more academic tack, Cotler, the McGill University teacher and former CJC president, said the issue boils down to two questions: whether racist hate propaganda should be free speech protected by law and if so, can it be overridden by anti-hate legislation.

The dilemma, he conceded, is that while Canada has some of the best anti-hate laws in the world, it has also emerged as "a world centre" for Holocaust denial and free speech litigation.

But while freedom of expression is "the lifeblood of a democracy," it is not an absolute right and limits must be placed on it by responsible governments, Cotler said.

Even the United States, where free

speech is enshrined in the Constitution, has recognized that certain speech, such as libel and so-called fighting words, is outside protection.

It is from the victim's point of view that racist and degrading speech must be viewed, Cotler maintained. Racist, hate speech is "the very antithesis of freedom of expression" because it "constitutes an assault on the very values underlying free speech in a democracy."

International human rights laws have recognized that hate propaganda "is the practice of inequality," while courts everywhere have found that hate speech inflicts psychological and emotional harm on its intended victims, Cotler said.

But Dershowitz, the Harvard law professor, best-selling author and lawyer-to-the-stars, countered that "there are no known bounds in the appetite for censorship. The appetite of the censor is voracious."

"Can we as a people decide what is valid and what isn't? Who are we to decide what offends?"

Dershowitz said he "can't understand" why blacks in Metro have called for the controversial musical *Show Boat* to be scrapped.

"They're right. I don't get it. If they don't like the show, let them picket, boycott, explain."

Deep down, he said, "there's a little bit of censor in all of us."

For all its freedoms, the United States "doesn't have enough free speech."

If censors screen what we hear, say and see, Jews will be the losers, Dershowitz said, adding that free speech "keeps us on guard. We need the exercise. We need to be challenged."

Dershowitz said he has enough confidence in the marketplace of ideas that "kooky" notions like Holocaust denial will quickly find their rightful place.

"The best answer to hate speech is love speech. The best answer to Holocaust denial is Holocaust proof," he said. If all books which offend someone were removed from society, the entire Harvard library would be emptied "and we could turn it into squash courts."

In a rebuttal, Cotler said he does not trust the marketplace of ideas. Canada, he said, is different from the United States in that it is "anchored in minority and equality rights."

When it comes to prosecuting hatemongers like pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel, the Jewish community "should take its lumps," Dershowitz responded. "Whoever heard of Zundel before his trial?"

The debate, held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, was presented by the new leadership divisions of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and State of Israel Bonds.



Put up yer dukes! Verbal pugilists Irwin Cotler (left) and Alan Dershowitz squared off recently at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. [Ron Csillag photo]

Hadassah honors top journalists

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The Hadassah-WIZO Council of Winnipeg recently presented *Winnipeg Free Press* columnist Val Werier with a journalism award for community service.

Werier was one of eight Canadian journalists (including former *Canadian Jewish News* editor Maurice Lucow and CTV anchor Lloyd Robertson) to be thus honored as part of the celebration of Hadassah-WIZO's 75th anniversary.

Werier's columns have been appearing in Winnipeg's newspapers for years. He had been a columnist for *The Winnipeg Tribune*. When that newspaper closed in 1980, he transferred to *The Free Press*, the city's largest daily.

Werier's columns appear twice weekly on the editorial page and generally focus on environmental issues and family. In presenting the award, Sylvia Pollock described the writer as "the forerunner of the environmentalists."

"Long before it was popular, Val was writing about saving the trees and protecting our resources," Pollock said. "His columns are so perfect that it is hard to convey to him how much we appreciate them. The columns describe the beauty of nature often enjoyed with a mem-

ber of his family. When he deals with personalities, he is always fair."

The Hadassah-WIZO Council of Winnipeg established a one-time scholarship in Werier's name. Werier had the honor of presenting the scholarship, worth \$500, to John Danakas, a University of Manitoba student who has just published his first book and is involved in journalism.

In addition to honoring Werier, Hadassah-WIZO members and guests were treated to a fashion show coordinated by Judy & Co.

They also heard from Hadassah-WIZO Winnipeg co-chairs Florence Katz and Lenore Kagan, as well as Harriet Rodin, a candidate for National President, who spoke of the organization's beginnings, its progress and Hadassim, the Israeli high school it supports, which was named the best school in Israel.

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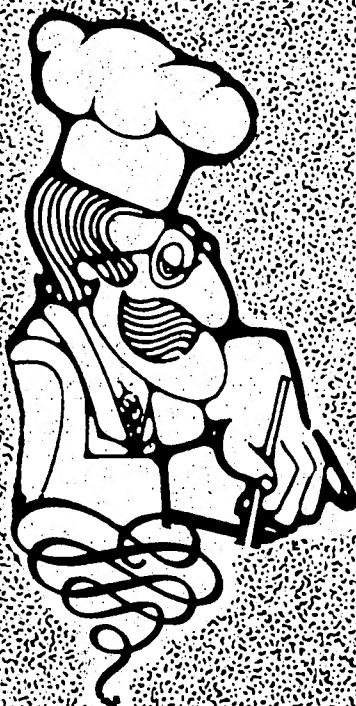
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Organizations and People

Vancouver Federation urged to adopt 'mission statement'

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Vancouver, as a growth Jewish community, faces an exciting future, but the community's present expectations "are too high and impossible to meet," says a report of the Greater Vancouver Jewish Federation, just released.

The Federation, now in its seventh year of operation, lacks a meaningful planning process and must establish a set of priorities for allocations and planning purposes, says the report. Therefore, the Federation must adopt a "clear and concise mission statement that is understood and accepted by key sectors of the community as desirable and needed."

On top of this, campaign giving must be increased substantially because "the needs the Federation faces today greatly outweigh Federation resources; however, even if the resources were sufficient, it would be inappropriate to make allocations without some reference to the strategic plan." Because of the lack of a plan, the Federation has been making allocations decisions strictly on an available dollar basis and local, national and international services are being cut by a lack of dollars.

"If," says the report, "Federation priority-setting is not undertaken in the manner befitting true leadership, there is every likelihood that even at times of campaign growth, Vancouver's communal needs will not be met."

The report is the result of a public external review of Federation activities conducted in June by Richard L. Wexler, a past president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; Kurt Rothschild, Toronto, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and Norbert Fruehauf, director of resource development and planning of the Council of Jewish Federation, New York.

Vancouver's Federation was officially formed in 1986 as a partnership of the Zionist Organization Pacific region-UJA and the Jewish

Community Fund and Council. It took seven years to negotiate the deal.

Because the Federation is still in the formative stages, "no breast-beating is necessary because so much has already been accomplished," the report continues. "The mechanics of a federated community are in place and the agencies and their leadership attest to a true commitment to the concept of Federation."

Federation decision-making regarding allocations is hamstrung by an attempt to satisfy too many constituencies, states the report, "and in so doing, satisfies none." Through its "cumbersome" budget and allocation process, "Federation leadership immobilizes itself through a series of appeal procedures" from the agencies. If agencies believe they can influence decisions through appeals, they affect negatively the Federation board's decision-making process and create cynicism.

The report says Federation must deal with a multiplicity of campaigns and "scheduling is not sufficient." Guidelines and policies must be adopted to regulate multiple/supplemental campaigns. In determining whether other campaigns are needed, Federation leaders must first consider the wellbeing of the total community — it needs, priorities and plans for the future.

To give members of the community an idea of how much they should be contributing to the Federation campaign, the report shows that the number of gifts per thousand population is "considerably lower" than in other Canadian federations: 181.7 per thousand in Vancouver vs. 308.7 per thousand in other Canadian federations. In comparison, like-size federations, including those in the United States, report the number of gifts per thousand at 181.7 vs. 236.0.

Vancouver ranks 12th out of 22 federations in Group II cities in per capita giving: the top per capita gift of those cities is \$467 while for Vancouver it is \$169.

The "big givers" don't show up

well. Gifts of \$1,000 and over per thousand population total 29.8 in Vancouver vs. 41.7 for Canada; gifts of \$10,000 and over total 2.6 in Vancouver vs. 3.7 per thousand population. In like-size federations, \$1,000 and over givers total 31.1, and \$10,000 and over, 3.4.

The report calls on the leading contributors to "give to their capacity." Further, leading givers "must not use their contributions as an expression of approval or disapproval of Federation decisions."

"The most successful campaigns across North America are those that have dramatically increased giving at the highest levels," the report declares. It recommends bringing in "outstanding solicitors" from all over North America to increase giving at the top and to expand the broad community campaign to increase giving across the board.

The report includes a list of "community characteristics." The current Jewish population of Greater Vancouver is estimated at 22,500, with 58 percent living in Vancouver city and the rest in the suburbs, especially Richmond. Because of the high cost of housing in the city, future growth will occur in the suburbs.

The population of Greater Vancouver is young — only 11 percent is over 65, compared with 20 percent in Montreal. Cities in the United States average about 16 percent.

Most Jewish institutions and community facilities are in Vancouver, with the exception of three synagogues, a day school and a Jewish Community Centre outreach program.

Affiliation rate of Jewish households (where at least one member is Jewish) is about 60 percent; the rate of affiliation with synagogues is 45 percent; enrollment of children in some formal Jewish education program is 32 percent.

The rate of intermarriage has been cited as higher than 52 percent but, says the report, the validity of that statistic is questioned by some.

Light meal enjoyable after the fast

By NAOMI ARBIT

FOX POINT, Wis. (JTA) — Preparation for the break-the-fast meal to follow the solemn holy day of Yom Kippur is completed the day preceding the holiday. After a full day in the synagogue, shortly after returning home, this light, prepared meal can be served.

Break-the-Fast Chopped Herring

16 ounces herring in wine sauce, drained (reserve juice)
2 slices rye or white bread, crusts removed
1 onion
3-4 hard cooked eggs
1 Granny Smith apple, peeled

Soak bread in 1/4 cup reserved wine sauce. Chop herring and onion in a wooden chopping bowl, food processor or grinder. Add eggs and apple and chop until mixture is fine. Stir in soaked bread and mix well. Place on a lettuce-lined platter or spoon into a glass bowl. Serve with rounds of bread, melba toast or crackers.

Curried Chicken Salad

3 cups cooked, cubed chicken or turkey
1 8-oz. can sliced water chestnuts, drained
1 3/4 cups seedless red grapes, halved
1 11-oz. can mandarin orange sections, drained
1 cup chopped celery
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon curry powder

2 teaspoons soy sauce
2 teaspoons lemon juice
lettuce leaves

In a large bowl, combine chicken, water chestnuts, grapes and celery. In a small bowl combine mayonnaise, curry powder, soy sauce, lemon juice and salt to taste. Mix well. Stir into chicken mixture and toss to coat. Cover and chill overnight. Stir in mandarin oranges just before serving on a lettuce-lined platter.

Note: This recipe serves 6 and may be doubled or tripled for a main dish serving for a larger group.

Tuna salad

Tuna Salad Nicoise

8 new (red) potatoes, scrubbed, about 1 pound
1 1/2 pounds green beans, ends snapped, cooked tender-crisp
1 purple onion, thinly sliced
plum tomatoes, cut in quarters or cherry tomatoes
2 6-1/2 ounce cans of oil packed white tuna, well-drained
2 ounces anchovy fillets, well-drained
1 red pepper, julienned
1 tablespoon capers (optional)
1/2 cup Nicoise olives (optional)

6 hard-boiled eggs, cut in quarters (optional)
Romaine or leaf lettuce to line serving platter
Parsley to garnish

Cook potatoes in boiling water until tender, but firm, about 12 minutes. Cool, cut in quarters and place in a large bowl. Add green beans, tomatoes, onions, olives and red pepper.

Pour 1/2 cup dressing over the vegetables and toss gently. Arrange mixture on a lettuce-lined platter, and cover with flaked tuna. Top with the anchovy fillets. Sprinkle with capers, and edge the platter with the egg quarters, if desired. Drizzle with 1/4 cup of the dressing. Garnish with parsley and serve at room temperature.

Vinaigrette dressing:
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup olive oil

Place mustard in a small bowl. Whisk in vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Continue to whisk mixture, slowly dribbling in olive oil until mixture thickens. Adjust seasoning to taste. Cover until ready to use. If necessary, whisk again before serving.

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Arts

East Meets West show just barely catches fire

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO — *East Meets West* — A Musical Evening is the title of an ambitious show mounted by The New Leadership Group (NLG) of The Jerusalem Foundation of Canada at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

The foundation supports causes which improve the quality of life in Jerusalem and the evening's program cleverly reflected the diversity of Diaspora Jewish traditions which one might find living side by side in a Jerusalem neighborhood. Thus, the audience was taken through musical experiences in song and dance from both the Ashkenazi and Sephardi cultures with specific spotlights on Ethiopia and India.

Well known Sephardi ethnomusicologist Judith Cohen functioned in several capacities — as talent co-ordinator for the evening, as one of the featured musicians, and along with NLG's co-chair Glenn Gold, as a host introducing the various performers. As Cohen herself explained, the evening represented just the tip of the iceberg of the diverse Jewish musical traditions that developed through the centuries in the four corners of the globe.

There is, however, a fine line between what is of scholarly interest and what is entertainment; if *East Meets West* did not completely catch fire, it is because it walked this line too closely. Any musical evening has to follow the rules of good programming, the major

component being an opening act with lots of energy to warm up the crowd, followed by performers who are geared to provide a variety in pacing. Although ambitious in intent, *East Meets West* was not an entirely satisfying program due to deficiencies in structure rather than in content.

On paper, Allan Merovitz and Brian Katz of the popular Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band should have been a sensational opener, but this was not to be. As a duo, vocalist Merovitz and instrumental Katz on piano and guitar perform highly sophisticated and accomplished contemporary Yiddish jazz that would not be out of place at any intimate club in town, but having complex musical riffs which would

challenge a jazz aficionado is not a good lead-off for a potpourri evening. The specialty talents Merovitz and Katz would have been better served later in the program when their unique spin on klezmer could have been shown off to advantage.

Merovitz and Katz were followed by the Sephardi music of Cohen and her wonderful collection of instruments and songs. Although the engaging Cohen has a droll sense of humor, she is a low-key performer, and she, in turn, was followed by Montreal's charming but shy Getanet Azariya who is from Ethiopia and who provoked keen interest with his masenko, an elaborate string instrument that is held both under the arm and between the legs and resembles a bow and arrow.

Taken together, however, no matter how talented or unusual or admirable, none of this trio of performers was able to get the hands clapping and the blood racing. When The Village Folk Ensemble finally appeared with their up tempo Eastern European folk dances, the necessary infusion of energy had arrived, but the first half of the concert was over. Curiously, the ensemble's set was far too short but perhaps the dancers were limited by the tiny postage stamp stage in the Beth Tzedec ballroom.

The second half began with a miscalculation. Members of Bene Israel North America who were born in In-

dia gave a demonstration of that culture's unique leader/follower sing chant which developed over 2,000 years of an oral tradition. Although musically fascinating, the participants were not professional singers and were ill-placed on the program. It took the following acts of singer Lenka Lichtenberg and dancer Dali to finally light a torch and ignite the crowd.

Czech-born Lichtenberg, accompanying herself on a synthesized keyboard, is a vivacious singer with a pleasing soprano voice who performed well-known Yiddish tunes and brought the crowd back to familiar ground. In retrospect, if Lichtenberg had kicked off the concert, what a different evening it would have been. The talented Dali, whose credentials include Israel's prestigious Inbal Dance Company, is an impressive performer of Yemmenite dance. Her high energy movement and gorgeous costume garnered a huge round of enthusiastic applause and when Merovitz and Katz returned to close the evening, the crowd was ready for them.

Hindsight is 100 percent; one can acknowledge that the technical demands of the program may have dictated the order of the performers, but nonetheless, a musical potpourri requires a certain rhythm. Individually, the offerings were enjoyable, even astonishing; whether the diversity of performers as presented in *East Meets West* worked well together as an evening's entertainment is another question.

Ukraine villages used to recreate Polish shtetl

FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

How do you recreate the shtetl, the East European world celebrated by Sholem Aleichem and destroyed by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust?

For French filmmaker Yolande Zauberman, the answer lay in Ukraine, where there are still a handful of villages inhabited by Jews.

Having brought her actors and crew to Ukraine, Zauberman has produced a film, *Moi Ivan, toi Abraham*, which is set in a Polish shtetl in the late 1930s.

Premiered in Canada at the Festival of Festivals, *Moi Ivan, toi Abraham* is about the rather touching friendship between a 9-year-old Jewish boy and a 13-year-old Christian.

Their relationship unfolds as tension rises in the shtetl after the local prince absconds with the peasants' funds and Nachman, his Jewish financial advisor, is blamed for the scandal.

The whiff of anti-Semitism, with its probability of pogroms and potential accusations of blood libels, hangs heavy in the air as Ivan and Abraham decide to run away from home.

Moi Ivan, toi Abraham is filmed in black and white, and the dialogue is in Yiddish and Russian, Polish, rather than Russian, should have been the language of choice. But it is not because the actors are Russian nationals.

In this, her first feature film, Zauberman succeeds in recreating the appearance and rhythms of a typical shtetl. To her credit, she does not romanticize it. The shtetl is bleak, forlorn and claustrophobic, and steeped in endemic poverty. Forget Fiddler on the Roof. Here life is lived on the margins.

Regrettably, *Moi Ivan, toi Abraham* fails to engage a viewer's empathy, largely because Zauberman's script is so opaque and aimless. The characters seem interesting enough, but they remain essentially unrealized. They are, in the final analysis, ciphers. Still, it's remarkable how well her Russian actors managed to learn Yiddish.

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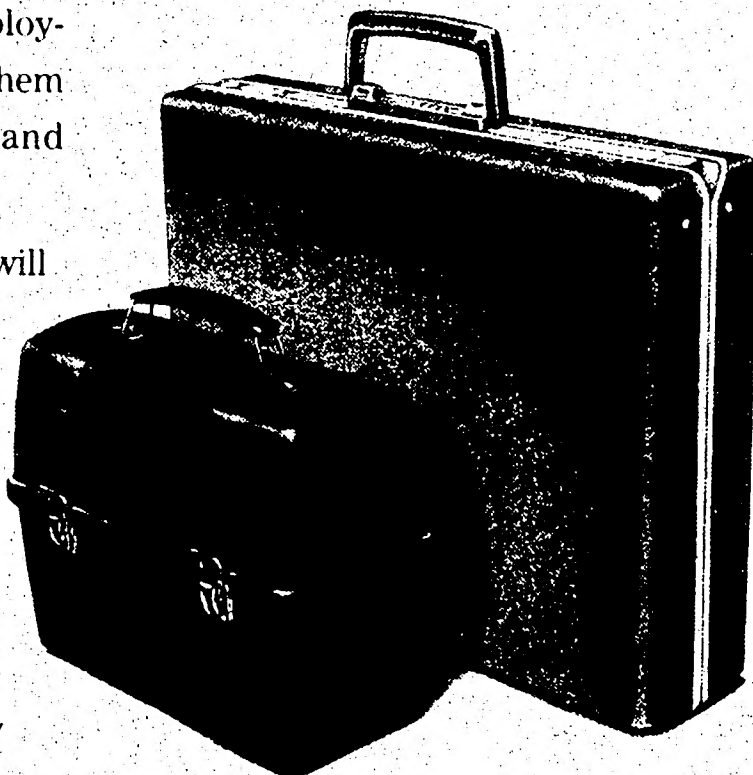
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Arts

Dayan's gritty film provides an acerbic glance at Israel

FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Assi Dayan's *Life According to Agfa* is an acerbic glance at Israel. In this Israeli film, screened at the Festival of Festivals, Dayan — the son of national hero Moshe Dayan — grapples with raw human emotions and explosive, existential issues.

Through the prism of widely varying characters, Dayan paints a black, unsparing picture of the human condition and of Israeli society. Never mind that it's highly subjective and one-sided. This, after all, is Dayan's interpretation of Israel sometime in the near future.

Filmed in stark black and white, in a pub in Tel Aviv, *Life According to Agfa* unfolds over a 12-hour period. Patrons wander in and out, baring their lives to the camera.

They are anything but straight, middle-class Israelis. Dalia (Gila Almagor), the pub owner and focus of the film, is fiftyish and love-lorn. She is fond of one-night stands with much younger men, but the real man in her life, Eli, is her age, married and terminally ill with cancer.

Leora, Dalia's chic bartender, seems rather disconnected from life, which is why she's in the habit of taking pictures of customers. Her hard-



Gila Almagor (left) stars in *Life According to Agfa*.

edged boyfriend, Benny, is a philosopher and a policeman on the drug squad.

Benny, in turn, doles out rough justice to a group of rowdy, right-wing Israeli soldiers who torment two Israeli Arabs working in the kitchen.

Daniela, a waitress with a drug problem, eagerly anticipates a trip to New York City, where hash is cheaper. Rikki, a kibbutznik, teeters on the cusp of derangement.

Cherniak, played by the pop singer Danny Litani, is the pub's sarcastic pianist. To Cherniak, nothing is sacred, including much-cherished Zionist myths.

For good measure, Dayan throws stereotypical Sephardi criminals into his brew — two coarse gangsters who demand Oriental music, and an incredibly cheap hooker who accompanies them.

The way in which their lives intersect or collide on this night, in this small corner of Tel Aviv, is what sustains *Life According to Agfa*. All but two scenes — a brief shootout and a suicide — occur in the pub.

The dialogue, written by Dayan, is the thing here. More often than not, it's sharp and irreverent. People pour out their woes and prejudices uninhibitedly. Allusions are made to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the status of Israeli Arabs. In effect, Dalia's pub is akin to a psychiatrist's couch.

The performances are uniformly fine. But two actors dominate the proceedings — Almagor, a veteran of the stage and screen, and Litani.

Life According to Agfa is gritty and, perhaps, too dark and pessimistic. If nothing else, it will captivate your attention.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Islam & The West, by Bernard Lewis (Oxford University Press, \$29.95)

The Arab world is in rapid and surprising transition. More and more Muslims are convinced that only in a return to their own faith and divinely ordained way of life can they find salvation in this world and the next. Multitudes have turned to fundamentalism. Evidently, the modern secularist ideology is no longer appealing. Nationalism, capitalism, socialism, democracy — these imported political and social systems have led to frustration, humiliation and failure.

Many Muslims continue to be inspired by their history which reminds them that their ancestors almost overwhelmed all of Christian Europe. It was only in 721 at the famous battle of Tours that a Muslim army which had advanced into the centre of France, was at last defeated by the Franks. Nevertheless, in a scant century of fighting, the Bedouin tribesmen, inspired by the word of the Prophet, had carved out an empire stretching from the borders of India to the Atlantic Ocean — the largest empire that the world had yet seen. And everywhere that the armies conquered, large-scale conversion to the new faith eventually followed.

Bernard Lewis is one of the West's foremost scholars of Islamic history and culture. In the eleven superb essays contained in his latest book, the reader is guided through some of the complex political, religious and cultural problems that bedevil modern Islam.

In an objective and lucid manner the author deals with such diverse themes as the affinities and tensions between Europe and the Islamic nations, the influence of Edward Gibbon on the Western image of Mohammed, the rights of non-Islamic

scholars to study and teach matters of Arab history and interest, resurgent Islamic fundamentalism as a unifying factor in Mideast politics, the split between the Shi'a and Sunni sects and why few Islamic countries have traditions of religious co-existence and secularism.

Pan-Arabism, the ideal of bringing all Arabs together in unity and affirmation, is still an empty dream. Lewis points out that the Arab countries seem determined to survive as separate entities, despite all the appeals and arguments of the Pan-Arabists. He writes, "By now it is becoming increasingly clear that pan-Arabism, for the time being at least, has ceased to be a realistic political objective and survives only as a noble ideal... in the Arab world, as in most other regions, a citizen owes his first loyalty to his country."

The author maintains that unlike Islam, Judaism does not claim that its religious teachings are exclusive. He points out that according to the well known Talmudic dictum, the righteous of all peoples and faiths have their place in Paradise. It was universally agreed among Jewish scholars, however, that Islam is a monotheistic religion and should be honored as such.

In Islamic thinking the Koran replaced, not merely supplanted, both the Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament that are sacred to Jews and Christians. The conversion of the Jews was therefore, a matter of little or no concern to Islam.

Two of the essays offer sharp antagonism to Columbia University Professor Edward Said who asserts that no one but a Muslim has the right to study or teach Islamic history. For Lewis, this means intellectual stultification and the impossibility of honest research.

These essays — reasoned and stimulating, knowledgeable and objective — open up avenues for reflection and understanding about a religion and culture now assuming increasing importance in the world.

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Eye on Arts

John Abrams is currently holding his fifth solo exhibition with Garnet Galley, 580 Richmond St. W., entitled *Wild Life and Super Models*.

In this beautifully painted exhibition, Abrams continues the trajectory of his previous work, examining the relationship of industry to nature, maintaining a reduced palette of dissolving blacks and whites and presenting the work as an associative installation.

The oil paintings explore the construction of glamor and desire and the particular use of women and nature in advertising.

The exhibit will run to Oct. 2.

The Valhalla Inn Art Gallery, 1 Valhalla Inn Rd., is currently running an exhibition of original paintings in oil, acrylic and pastel by Rae Goldman. The exhibit will continue to Oct. 15.

The London Jewish Community Centre presents

Leopold Kozlowski, composer, musician, partisan fighter and Holocaust survivor, in concert Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the London JCC.

Author and filmmaker Yale Strom will also appear at the same time.

For further information call Francee at (519) 673-3310.

The Jewish Storytelling Arts will be holding monthly gatherings for adults the first Sunday of each month starting Oct. 3. It will be held at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 699-8914.

Beginning Nov. 10, Theatre 1774 will launch its first show as a resident company of the newly-renovated Monument National with a reprise of *L'Affaire Tautuffe* by Marianne Ackerman.

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Hockey Hall of Fame reveals traditions

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Various apocryphal traditions tell the stories of gallant heroes in ancient times and faraway lands battling death-defying obstacles to find objects of religious or emotional significance.

Enduring tremendous hardships, they go on quests to recover the Holy Grail, they battle the elements seeking Noah's Ark, and they fight one-eyed Tories, or gorgons, in search of the Golden Fleece that once was theirs before they were fleeced.

Canadians have it a lot easier. They don't have to go on treks, sit at the feet of Eastern masters or overcome uncounted obstacles to find paradise.

No. All they've got to do is take the subway down to Union Station or park underground at BCE Place, because as sure as God created wind-chill factors, Canadians have found their own Shangri-La at the new Hockey Hall of Fame on Front Street.

It's been said that hockey is Canada's secular religion (if it hasn't been said, it should have been) as well as a great unifying factor. At the Hall, young and old alike marvel at Canada's glorious hockey tradition.

The Hall was packed with visitors on a recent, scorching Sunday, attesting to the interest hockey generates even during the dog days of July. And there was plenty there for them to see.

Memorabilia, paraphernalia and mementoes of all sorts were on display; everything from hole-y sweaters, shaky skates, paper-thin pads and flimsy hockey pants, making a modern-day visitor wonder how players in the sport's early days managed to stay out of the hospital from all the injuries the flimsy equipment couldn't prevent.

Then again, a film that traced the sport's history may have indirectly answered that question when it noted that an MVP from the turn-of-the-century Ottawa Silver Seven weighed in at a svelt 125 pounds.

The film is one of a non-stop series of videos that are guaranteed to peak the interest of any hockey fan worth his Tacks. One of the films is a look at hockey's top 50 playoff goals. The film spurred some controversy, as knowledgeable fans wondered why the Habs' elimination of Hartford in a preliminary round last year merited any attention at all.

Some skeptics ascribed it to the over-emphasis given the Montreal franchise overall, including the recreation of the team's dressing room. These aficionados, members of the ABH (Anybody But the Habs) fan club — who believe the 'C's at centre ice in the Forum are horseshoes, ensuring the Habs get all lucky bounces and breaks — could find other items of interest at the Hall.

For many, the highlights of the Hall



A mock-up of Montreal Canadiens locker room.

are its hands-on, participatory attractions.

Young and old alike queued up to don a goaltender's blocker and trapper, grab a stick and attempt to stop simulated, electronically-generated shots from a television Ron Ellis. TV cameras and a computer registered the results for onlookers, who marvelled that the computer Ellis put the puck on the net much more often than the real life player ever did.

Right next door, shlepper league

players get to pretend they're Mike Bossy as they wrist the rubber discs at four targets projected onto a backdrop.

Not many museums allow visitors to get as involved as you can at the Hockey Hall of Fame. As one wag put it, you don't get to paint a Mona Lisa at the Louvre.

As you wend your way through the Hall, don't be surprised to hear the sound of screaming fans. Don't worry. They're not reacting to yet another episode of Coach's Corner, but are

calling the play-by-play of selected goals in simulated television broadcast booths.

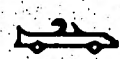
Your final stop on your visit should be the old Bank of Montreal building itself, where pictures and biographies of the NHL's hall of famers are on display. Entering the neo-classical building, with its intricately decorated ceiling and stained glass windows, is like entering the the hockey world's Holy of Holies, for there in the back of the room is a full scale model of the Stanley Cup itself.

Like the primitive apes in 2001: A Space Odyssey, who with trembling hands touch the black monolith, visitors circle the silvery icon itself and finally, dare to touch it. Unfortunately, the Hall staff would not allow our party to live out an old childhood dream and photograph ourselves drinking a refreshing beverage out of Lord Stanley's mug.

Alongside the main room, in vaults that were once reserved for priceless jewels and family heirlooms, the original Stanley Cup is kept in a glass case.

As one young lad said as he toured the room dedicated to Lord Stanley's Cup, "When I die, this is where I want to be buried."

While most fans wouldn't go that far, the Hockey Hall of Fame is a tremendous tribute to the great Canadian game and should be on everyone's agenda when they visit Toronto.



TRAVEL TALK



In a recent meeting in Taba, Egypt and Eilat, Israel, the ministers of tourism for Israel and Egypt, agreed to strengthen and expand their good relations and co-operation in the field of tourism and to encourage the establishment of a joint body to promote the development of tourism in the eastern Mediterranean region.

In the agreement that was signed by Uzi Baram of Israel and Fouad Abdel-Latif Sultan of Egypt, both ministers reaffirmed the importance of tourism in the eastern Mediterranean "with a view to give all the people of the region the opportunity to acquire a better knowledge of each other's life, history and culture, thus contributing to peace and prosperity."

The joint body to be created would be called the Eastern Mediterranean Tourism

Association (EMTA) and would comprise Israel, Egypt, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus as its founding members. Among the objectives of the EMTA would be to co-ordinate tourism promotion activities in different markets and strengthen tourism co-operation between countries in the region so that, as a result of continuing Israel-Arab peace talks, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria would join the EMTA.

The two ministers plan to designate a commission of experts from both countries to discuss the steps to be taken for the creation of EMTA. In addition, the tourism ministers expressed their satisfaction with the successful marketing co-operation between Israel and Egypt in North America, and plan to continue and further develop a similar marketing program in other countries in the future.

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YOUR FINANCES

By JOY WOLFSON

TORONTO — Recently, tax advisors have been recommending certain kinds of life insurance as an investment worth considering. While premiums are not deductible, "exempt" life insurance plans provide some shelter from tax. The death benefit is tax free.

Tax reform and the elimination or reduction of other kinds of tax-preferred investment alternatives are largely responsible for a renewed interest in life insurance. Income is now taxable on most types of non-registered investments, such as stocks, bonds, real estate and business interests.

Gains on the sale of these investments may attract Capital Gains tax. MURBs are being phased out and

GICs are yielding much lower returns. It's getting harder than ever for Canadians to accumulate significant wealth.

RRSPs remain the first choice where tax shelters are concerned. Contributions are deductible, within limits, and interest accumulates tax free. However, income is fully taxed as it is received, and at death, remaining funds are taxed as annual income in the final year.

Life insurance makes an attractive second choice to an RRSP for those looking for a tax-preferred investment.

The insurance industry has designed plans which meet the needs of this type of investor, plans which provide flexibility within limits of the Income Tax Act. They allow for rapid cash build-up through maxi-

mum payments into the plan, with cash values accumulating tax shelters, and later on they permit cash values to be converted into income.

Withdrawals will reduce the amount of benefits payable on death, but a significant portion of the plan growth can be withdrawn without tax. Death benefits are tax free.

Many investors are now using life insurance for estate creation and protection purposes as well as a way of accumulating funds to supplement their income at retirement or to permit them to retire early. It's one of the few tax-preferred investment alternatives left.

(Joy Wolfson is the owner of Joy Wolfson Insurance and Financial Services in Markham.)

Israel's jewelry industry

TEL AVIV — Israel's kibbutzim were once renowned for their Spartan pioneering spirit. While the role of these communal settlements in helping to build modern Israel, especially its agriculture, is a matter of record, in recent years most have shifted dramatically towards more personal conveniences, family living and industrial enterprises.

The growing part played by kibbutz industries in Israel's booming jewelry branch is a glittering reflection of this trend.

Israel's jewelry production in 1993 is expected to reach half a billion dollars. To date, 10 kibbutzim and several moshavim (co-operative farm communities) are involved in the manufacture of sterling silver jewelry, some embellished with precious and semi-precious stones. While they now only account for a small portion of the industry's output, spokesmen for the Israel Jewelry Manufacturers Association point out that the kibbutz enterprises are finding jewelry ideal for applying their resources towards export-oriented industries.

Kibbutz Megiddo in the Jezreel Valley is a leading producer of sterling silver jewelry, marketing more than 11,000 pieces each year with sales topping \$5 million.

Vered Megiddo's exports are directed mainly to the German market, although the bulk of Israel's jewelry exports are to North America. Vered Megiddo also markets another veteran kibbutz silver jewelry producer, Bet Nir.

Unique pieces encrusted with Roman glass or coins are produced at the Rahav Saphirim plant of Kibbutz Revadim. They are based on archeological finds in the Shimshom region near the Jerusalem foothills. Gold and silver findings are the speciality of Kibbutz Mesilot on Mount Gilboa.

The jewelry industry in Israel has traditionally been based on private enterprise. There are now a number of corporations with shares quoted on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Along with avocados, cotton and irrigation systems, kibbutz jewelry joins the list of successful Israeli exports.



Kivun founder and president Robert Rosenschein with his company's new multilingual word processing program.

Multilingual word processing

By GAIL LICHTMAN

JERUSALEM —

There is something quintessentially Israeli about Kivun Computers Ltd., Israel's leading "Windows" software developer, despite the fact that 80 percent of its 35 employees are immigrants to the country.

This small Jerusalem-based company, which was founded in 1988 in a garage by two American-born brothers, is gearing up to take on the \$2 billion European multilingual software market with the debut this September of "Accent," the world's first global word processor capable of supporting 35 languages in a single program. Combining a good deal of Jewish kop with a dash of Israelichutzpah, Kivun is poised "to boldly go where no American software giant has gone before."

Even though Hebrew is not one of the languages available, the program owes its debt of gratitude to this stiff-necked language which insists on moving from right to left, thereby creating logistical nightmares for word processors. With a click of a mouse, Rosenschein's program can write in either direction.

"In Accent, we've come up with a multilingual product which has struck a nerve in Europe," notes Kivun founder and president Robert Rosenschein, a graduate of MIT. "We are addressing a market the Americans have completely overlooked. They provide single language applications. We are offering the first major PC application that can operate in 35 languages and alphabets, including Czech, Hungarian and Polish. You even can run a menu in

one language while typing in another.

Avinoam Gusner, managing director of "Intersoft" in Jerusalem, however, is doubtful multilingual word processing will take off in Europe. "People there mostly use one language and need only one word processing program," he says. "Multilingual word processing is useful only when different languages are used within the same company. I'm just not sure there's a market for that."

During its first year, Kivun wrote Hebrew versions of major American software and designed a Hebrew typesetting program. Its big break came in the summer of 1991 when with a staff of seven it received a contract from Microsoft Corp. to help develop a Hebrew version of its Windows system. They had come to the right place, for during a trip to the U.S., when Rosenschein was still an independent consultant based in Israel, he was given a sneak preview of a new product — Windows. "I felt I was getting a glimpse into the future," Rosenschein recalls. "Computers were all text-oriented at that time. Windows was graphical." Convinced that Windows would be a hit, he set his mind to becoming an expert on it.

The Microsoft project infused capital and new life into Kivun and the number of its employees doubled. But more important, it "gave us a tremendous understanding of the internal workings of Windows," Rosenschein notes. With this knowledge, the company's whizzes began to explore how to make their product in a whole new dimension — multilingually.

Out of this came "Dagesh" (Hebrew for emphasis), a multilingual word processor for Hebrew, English and Russian. There was nothing even remotely like it on the Hebrew Windows market, and Kivun suddenly found itself dominating the Windows word processing scene.

In its first six months, Dagesh sold a record 5,000 units in Israel, and it is now being distributed in 10 other countries around the world, including the UK, Belgium, Switzerland, Australia and Brazil. The largest market is in the U.S. where Davka Corporation of Chicago is the product's distributor. "We're now developing custom versions for the Israeli government and the army," says Rosenschein.

"It's true there are more sophisticated programs available in Hebrew, such as Microsoft Word," admits Gusner, "but Dagesh is more advanced in bidirectional capabilities."

With peace peeping over the horizon, the overseas market may soon include some currently unthinkable customers. A grant from the Office of the Chief Scientist in the Ministry of Trade and Industry was recently received to develop an Arabic version.

Kivun also plans to enter the Oriental market, with multilingual word processors in Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Thai, etc.

"As the world gets smaller due to advanced communications and technology, the need for multiple language computing will increase," says Rosenschein. "Israel is the world's most multilingual society. We therefore understand the need to provide truly international software solutions."



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Trace Reebok's trek to success

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

JERUSALEM — R. Stephen Rubin is living proof that in the business world, nice guys don't necessarily have to finish last.

The mild-mannered, white-haired British chairman of the Pentland Group radiates a calm and friendly aura antithetical to the image of the stereotypical Wall Street hustler looking for the big profit.

Yet, the story of Rubin and a sneaker company named Reebok has become the favorite fairy tale not only of Wall Streeters, but of any investor who has ever decided to take a risk and invest their money in a young, up-and-coming company.

The Pentland Company began as a family footwear business itself when Rubin's father founded it in Liverpool during the 1930s. After he took the helm in the 1960s, Rubin began expanding the public company into investments when labor costs drove a great deal of shoe manufacturing out of Britain.

The focus of the investments was in the footwear business, particularly in companies that came to Pentland looking for management with expertise in the field.

"We are a people business," explained Rubin. "Unlike other businesses which target a group to take over, we wait for people to come to us. Ethically, we are just not prepared to be hostile."

In 1979, Pentland decided to help out a struggling U.S. sport shoe maker named Reebok, which had come to them looking for capital and for help in "sourcing" manufac-

turing sites in the Far East, a field in which Pentland specialized.

The company spent \$77,500 to buy 55 percent of the small, insolvent Reebok company which, nonetheless, "sold an excellent product and had good potential," Rubin said.

But whatever the potential, even the most optimistic investor could never have guessed that it would be Reebok which would re-define athletic wear in the 1980s, capitalizing on the popularity of aerobics and the droves of Americans joining health clubs.

Rubin was intimately involved with the company's growth throughout that phenomenal period. He served as its chief from 1981 until 1985, purchasing all U. S. licensing rights in 1984, and holding on to his investment as the company prospered beyond his or anyone else's wildest expectations.

Rubin said he could have predicted that Reebok would be successful — what he couldn't have predicted was the vast quantities of shoes that would be snapped up by the public.

Reeboks was marketed and purchased as a fashion accessory for men and women alike, and were not just viewed as sports equipment. In the mid-1980s, teenage girls were not satisfied with one pair of Reeboks; they wanted a pair to match every outfit, from black to aqua to bubble-gum pink.

When Pentland sold their last Reebok shares in 1991, the \$77,500 investment had become \$400 million.

Such a success story is a hard act to follow. Rubin is doing his best, accepting the fact that all his ventures will be compared with his most successful one. He bristles, however, at any suggestion that the success of his investment in Reebok was a result of luck.

"You have a success like that and people forget everything else you have ever done," he says. "One shouldn't forget that our company had a fine reputation, and there was a reason why they came to us in the first place."

Recently Rubin enjoyed the congenial atmosphere of the Maccabiah Games, in which two of Pentland's current holdings are major sponsors.

The Speedo swimsuit label — which Pentland owns outright — sponsored the Maccabiah swimming competition, and the Pony sneaker and sportswear company — another holding — outfitted the British Maccabiah team.

Pentland's corporation philosophy is to "judiciously acquire businesses compatible with existing ventures." This means that despite some investments in greeting card, ceramics, wire and home appliance businesses, Pentland focuses on companies in the footwear and sportswear business.

In 1991, Pentland acquired 20 percent of Adidas shoes, in what was to have been a first step toward a larger stake in the company. In the end, however, the purchase did not go through.

Now, in addition to investment in Ellesse, Pony, Kangaroo, Kickers and numerous other footwear names, Pentland holds the worldwide footwear license for LaCoste golf and tennis shoes, and even holds a 6 percent stake in Reebok's chief competition in the aerobics shoe market, LA Gear.

Pentland is headquartered in London's Finchley neighborhood, and Rubin is clearly proud of the four and a half acre complex, complete with on-site health program and gym and aerobics classes.

Last year, Pentland's turnover was 326.5 million and its pre-tax profits were 36.3 million. The group had 347 million in net cash. The 56-year-old Liverpoolian, an attorney by training, currently lives in London with his wife Angela. Of their four grown children, three — Carolyn, Paul and Andy — work in the family business. His daughter Alison is a Montessori nursery school teacher.

Rubin has a long record of charitable and political support of Jewish causes, including the Joint Israel Appeal, the Jewish Welfare Board and the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

However, he has only recently begun considering making any real investments here as a result of the country's recent "impressive" economic growth.

If such investments comes about, Rubin promises it will not be in shoe manufacturing.

As early as 1967, Rubin came to inspect shoe manufacturing operations and told officials he did not think shoe production is a desirable industry for Israel.

Today, he points out, manufacturing sources in the Far East have pushed the labor-intensive business out of the United States, Britain and even strongholds in Italy.

He has made a recent small investment in the new Tel Aviv Hard Rock Cafe as part of the investment group organized by Londoner Ronald Cohen. He stresses that the size of his investment is small — "only a few hamburgers worth."

But Cohen, he said, is now in the process of putting together a group aimed at more investment here, and Rubin says the chances are good he will be part of it.

One person who hopes Rubin is committed to helping local industry is Ilan Ben-Dror, who acquired the Speedo distribution license for Israel two years ago, and began manufacturing his own products here eight months ago.

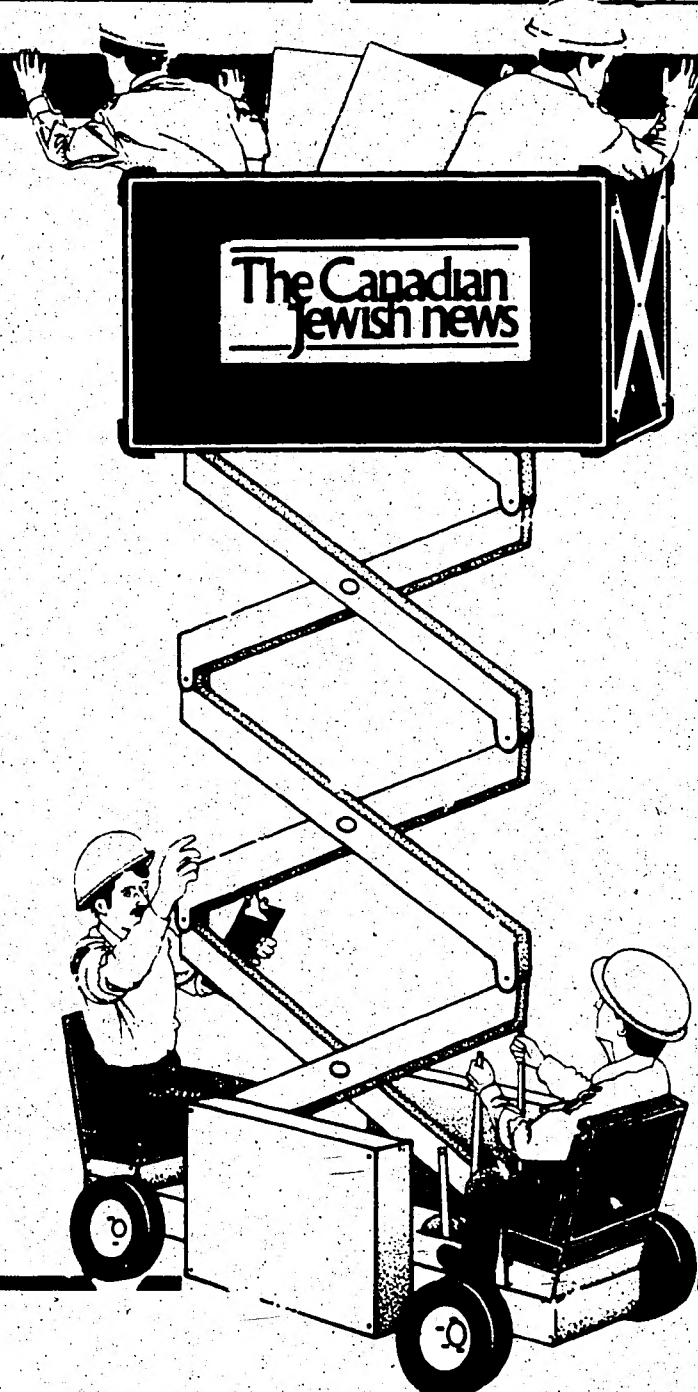
Ben-Dror has found his niche in the manufacture of swimsuits for men and children. Currently, the women's swimsuit field here is dominated by the fashion heavyweights of Gottex, Diva and Gideon Oberson.

"But more and more women in Israel are joining health clubs and have begun swimming for fitness, and both boys and girls have become interested in competitive swimming," Ben-Dror said.

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Not so fast, say some.

"Before you rent that car, you should check to see what you are personally liable for should you have an accident," says Lea Algar, director of the Ontario Insurance Commission's market conduct branch. "A little upfront research might save you trouble and money."

Algar says you should start by thoroughly reading the rental contract. There are no standard forms; rental car agreements vary from agency to agency. The agreement is a legal contract designed to protect the car rental company, so be sure you understand your obligations.

If you're comfortable with it, turn your attention to making sure you're insured properly.

In Ontario, it's the law that all licensed cars be insured for accident benefits and public liability and property damage. When you rent a vehicle from an Ontario car rental agency, you are automatically insured for both. This insurance is included in the daily rate. But what about insurance against collision?

When you sign the rental contract, you are agreeing to return the vehicle in the same condition you took it. If you have an accident, you are responsible for all damages. In the worst case, if the car is a write-off you might be liable for the full value of the "used" car. To protect yourself, what should you do?

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— **Your own auto policy** may already include a special clause that provides collision insurance for rental cars. Ask your agent or broker about it. If you don't already have it you may want to add it to your policy. Make sure it covers all drivers who might be using the rental car and cost compare with the CDW. If you go with yours, see if the rental agency accepts personal car insurance policies. Some may not, so find out ahead of time.

Premium credit cards are another source of rental car damage protection. As long as you charge the car rental to them, some credit card companies offer the same coverage as a CDW. Some cards also provide a toll-free service number for assistance. The credit card company

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Canadian Communist Party leader attacks capitalist system in memoirs

By JACK KOHANE

TORONTO — The abject poverty and untold human misery of the Great Depression was a fertile breeding ground for discontent and social unrest. So it was in Russia, sparking the Bolshevik Revolution, and so it might have been in Canada if Minerva Davis had had her way.

One of the leading lights of the Communist Party of Canada during its heyday of the 1920s and 30s, Davis has finally set down her memoirs of those tumultuous times in her new book *The Wretched of the Earth And — Me*.

Her work is both a chronicle of that era and a scathing attack on capitalism. It also details the provincialism that governed Ontario for much of this century.

Born in Rasca, Romania in 1907, raised in a traditional Jewish household, her experiences span the gamut of war, famine, totalitarianism and injustice that have characterized the last several decades of our civilization.

In 1919, her family escaped the chaos of post-World War I Europe. With hopes high, a large quantity of kichlach in hand, and her mother's words 'Got vilt helfen,' the family made its way to Ellis Island, New York.

Davis recalls that they were rescued from deportation back to Romania through the relentless efforts of one, whom she describes as an "angel speaking



Minerva Davis

broken Yiddish," working with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Eventually the Davises settled in Toronto in a little house on Major Street.

Almost immediately little "Minnie," as she was called, plunged into the factory system, working long arduous hours at a paper-box manufacturing and printing plant on King Street. She was only 12-years-old then.

The next several years of her life, when she worked a succession of mind-numbing jobs, is described as a descent into hell.

She writes: "Toronto, cemented in conservatism, was all for King and Country, the Flag and the Orange Lodge."

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Even after she became fluent in English, she retained the tell-tale accent of a newcomer. In

the 20s, a foreign accent was a key to rejection and disdain. Davis ached to be accepted.

But the times were to become even tougher. As the Depression set in and breadlines lengthened, Davis watched and saw people starve, jobs grow scarcer, and the suffering of the poor worsen.

She knew of young men who were herded into labor camps only to be paid 25 cents per day. Relief, she says, was for families only and the rate varied. "We received \$2.25 a week for

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Davis became interested in communist ideology

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a family of two adults and a child."

Her dream was to attend university and thereby escape this endless cycle of poverty. That ambition was never to be realized, although her appetite for learning and reading books has always been undiminished.

She drifted, almost inadvertently, into the Communist Party. At one of her weekly reading circles she heard a recitation of *The Manifesto of the Communist Party* by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. She was intrigued by the ideas presented. The more she discovered about the communist ideology, the more it appealed to her intellectually.

The squalor and despair she encountered only served to reinforce what Marx referred to as

the fatal flaws of the capitalist system. It was soon thereafter that she decided to dedicate herself to the cause and joined the Young Communist League (YCL). She soon was elected the editor of the YCL's newspaper. She advocated on behalf of workers and tried organizing labor unions around southern Ontario.

Once jailed

Davis was once jailed for leading a rally in St. Catharines, and knew the RCMP. had her under surveillance.

"The higher purpose of my activism gave me courage," she says. "The 'Red Squad,' a name given to a division of the Toronto police, saw to it that many of our meetings were disrupted as well as limiting our opportunities to speak in public places. The detectives called us scum, bums, indigents, red rabble, verminous foreigners."

The turning point for Davis came after World War II with its revelations of mass slaughters and genocide as perpetrated by the Nazis and Stalin.

She became increasingly disillusioned with the Canadian Communist Party's fanatical adherence to the Soviet Union and its brand of communism. For Davis, the Party was degenerating into sectarianism; with its platform on workers' rights and social justice straying farther from her own views.

She quit the Party and later joined the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, and afterwards the NDP.

Interviewed today, she contends that the way communism was practiced and administered in the Soviet Union was doomed to failure from the start. "It was not the right place for communism to develop; they had no history of democratic principles, as well as a chronically low industrial base."

Davis's commitment to internationalism also made her lukewarm to the emergence of the State of Israel. Today she avows a strong kinship to that country.

"I am now a partisan of Israel," she explains. "I did not realize the profound implications of Israel to my people. Had my early Judaic education been fuller, I would have better understood the importance of the

Jewish state for all of us. I may still not agree with all of its political policies, nor do I believe the Kibbutz system to have been entirely successful, but I do proclaim a spiritual allegiance to the State."

Davis admits to being an eternal optimist. There will be peace one day in the Middle East, she says, and mankind will survive. That is, if we learn to live with

less, possess less material goods, and waste less of the earth's resources.

She maintains that capitalism as we know it today is inherently counter-productive to our collective well-being. She may have tempered her arguments over the years, but her sense of justice and humanity have remained intact.

The Wretched of the Earth And — *Me* may serve as a vehicle to exorcise her own private ghosts, but Davis has also provided us with a rare insight into the conditions and social milieu of the Depression era. Hers is a unique perspective of the reasons behind the ebb and flow of popularity of communism in the Canadian context.

Eternal optimist

A deeply political person, Davis now makes her stand against racism, sexism, intolerance and materialism, while advocating equality and social justice for all at every opportunity.

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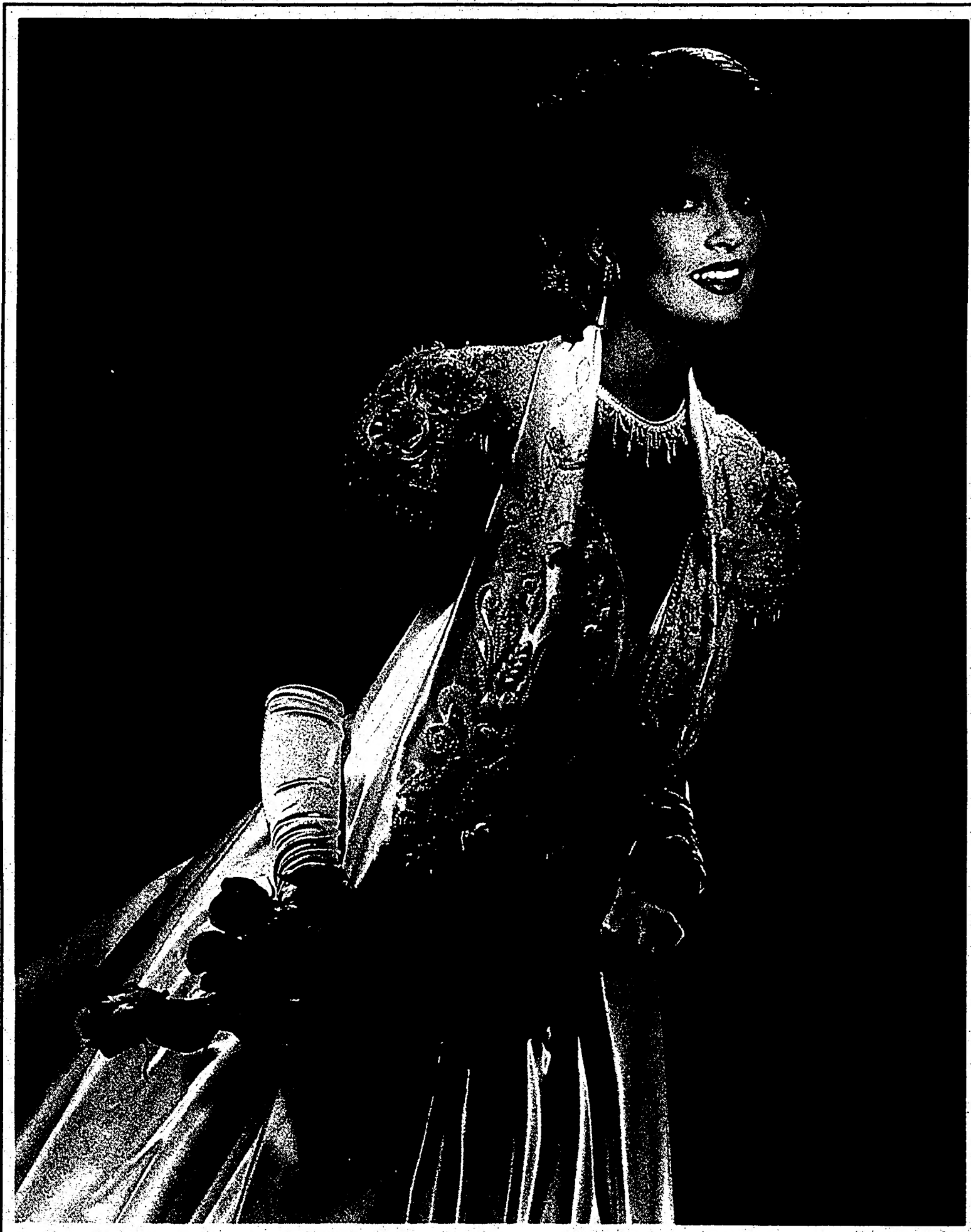
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Galaxy Show a Must for Wedding Planners

From glamorous gowns to festive flowers, the **Galaxy Bridal Show** has it all. From Friday October 1 to Sunday October 3, it runs the gamut of wedding themes and is a "must-see" for any bride-to-be. It's fine to pore over magazines for dresses for you and your attendants, but there's nothing like seeing the real thing first hand.

Spectacular daily fashion shows feature the latest in wedding fashions from retailers and designers. (The gown on the cover, from Mena's Boutique, is an example). All the right attire will be on display. You'll see the latest frocks, in motion, from every conceivable angle. **Eda Cucakovich**, a seasoned and sophisticated veteran of the Toronto

fashion show circuit, will co-ordinate and choreograph the shows. Commentary will be given by **Shannon Hayles**.

Every wedding service imaginable will be at your fingertips. In addition to gowns (and you'll see a variety), top florists will be on hand to explain the style of bridal bouquet that will best suit your gown, and the type of boutonniers your groom and the ushers should wear. All your floral questions, from arrangement colours to theme flowers, can be expertly answered. And, with a wealth of tuxedo styles to choose from, **grooms will have nowhere to hide!**

After you've decided on your flowers, you might want to talk to photographers. If you've never

considered having your wedding videotaped, this might be an ideal time to see exactly what's involved.

Next come the caterers. If you thought choosing a wedding gown was complicated without a little help, you'll soon realize that wedding plans in general are complicated at the best of times. Even **picking out a menu** can be difficult without a few expert opinions.

Once you've set the date, you need to decide very quickly whether you want a cocktail reception at home, a small dinner for close friends and family, or a large wedding dinner at a banquet hall or hotel. You can talk to the caterers here, compare their opinions and their menus, and **come away with some good ideas.**

After the wedding's over, both bride and groom need a well-deserved **honeymoon** from all the wedding hoopla. That's where the travel specialists come in, and you'll find them here too.

There are many giveaway prizes at the show. Every bride-to-be will receive a surprise gift when entering the show, while supplies last, as well as a complimentary copy of several magazines: *Wedding Bells*, *Today's Bride*, *The Wedding Pages*, and *Sposa 2000*.

Then there are the grand prizes, including a luxurious honeymoon package courtesy of Dufferin Travel, and fine bone china from Mikasa.

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Here's what you could WIN at the Galaxy Bridal Show '93's

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The Old Mill — your alternative for a simcha

The clientele has found that the Old Mill is a wonderful alternative for bar/bat mitzvah festivities.

"Our banquet rooms are unique," says owner Michael Kalmar. "Other banquet halls require the added cost of decorations to dress them up. Our rooms are so beautifully decorated it costs very little to decorate them. You don't have to go through the added cost."

"Many of the rooms have working fireplaces which adds to the atmosphere of the function especially in the fall and winter seasons. People feel very comfortable here."

In her 20 years at the Old Mill, catering manager Helen Weech figures she's handled close to 5,000 weddings personally. Weech meets with her clients personally before the wedding to show them the facilities and suggests which room is suitable for their needs. "We try to customize and personalize each reception to the customers' requirements," Weech said.

"Guests must enjoy our services and our facilities," she said. "If we don't do a good job, they wouldn't come back."

Kalmar said many of the comments he receives point to the improvement in the variety and the quality of the food. "People will enjoy their evening here because of the uniqueness and the charm of the Old Mill. Plus, we have the meticulous service to cater magnificently to any simcha."

The Old Mill's elegance and style has been recognized over the decades.

"There is no place like the Old Mill, it is so unique," said Weech. "The visitors are in absolute awe when they come here."

"The Old Mill's picturesque gardens are perfect for photos. It's in a very convenient location, half a block from Bloor Street, yet not highly visible. Part of its character is its setting," Weech said. "It's Toronto's best kept secret."

The beautiful gardens surround the skeletal remains of the original mill ruins destroyed by fire in 1881 and declared a historical landmark. In 1914, the tea room was built adjacent to the ruins. Through the years, the Old Mill has expanded into a 17 banquet room facility incorporating the Tudor style of the original tea room.

The Old Mill has a non-denominational chapel capable of holding 110 people for small, intimate functions. It is romantically lit with candles and built in 16th century English style. The Old Mill has the services of three rabbis.

The staff at the Old Mill are seasoned and well trained. "The staff here care for each other," Weech said. "Many of them have been here for several years. That's a comfortable feeling."

"The Old Mill is popular particularly for bar/bat mitzvahs because the religious ceremony takes place in the shul and the party becomes a separate evening event," says Kalmar. "The Old Mill can host sim-

"The Old Mill's elegance and style has been recognized over the decades."



chas of all sizes up to 800 persons. While there are no kosher kitchens on site, the Old Mill has a working relationship with well-established caterers in the city." Over the past couple of years

since being associated with the Old Mill, there has been an increasing number of Jewish weddings and other functions taking place. "It's not going to happen overnight but we are definitely on the right path. People have to share the experience or, through word-of-mouth, hear of the positive enjoyable experience. Thankfully, this is happening more and more often," Kalmar says.

"Also our dinner dancing to the 11-piece orchestra is the talk of the town not to mention our Sunday family day that includes Sunday brunch and a Sunday family dinner buffet. The Old Mill also offers tradition English Afternoon Tea — great for a fall afternoon by the fireplace."

"The Old Mill is not new to the Jewish market," Kalmar says, explaining that it was well frequented in the 30s as a place for dining and dancing.

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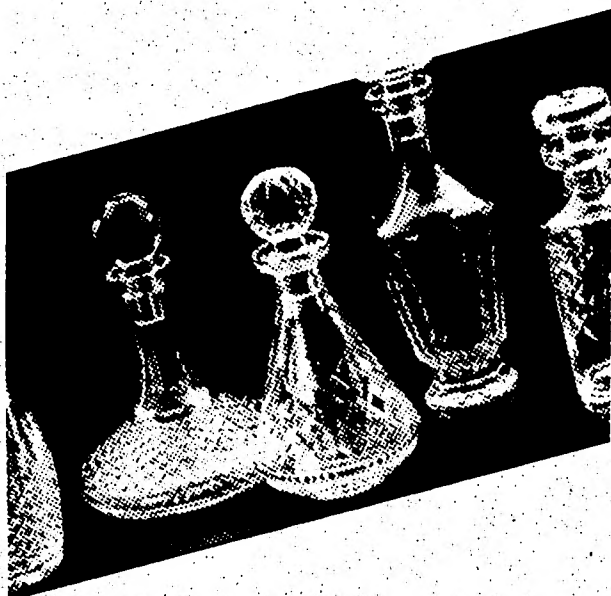
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Store's bridal registry offers quality, service and affordable prices

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"This is a customer-oriented store," says owner Ilene Bronsteter, who has been serving brides for over 14 years now at the spacious location in Thornhill.

Many of her clients have heard about Bronson's through word of mouth, from the glowing recommendations of their friends and relatives.



Bronsteter prides herself on having one of the best bridal registries in the country and she says it caters to any budget.

The friendly staff of Bronson's helps brides pick out their patterns and assists them in co-ordinating their tabletops from the store's huge

selection of high-quality dinnerware, flatware, stemware and giftware.

The atmosphere in the store is relaxed and unthreatening. Specializing in catering to brides, the knowledgeable staff are there to supply helpful service.

The huge selection of quality items at Bronson's means the store has something for every bride.

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Music maker Kenny Simon has been entertaining crowds since 1964 when he performed at concerts with his guitar and harmonica. Today he leads the Hourglass Orchestra, a band he founded in 1970 known to dazzle audiences with sheer showmanship.

"We want to make sure people have a good time," says Kenny. "Our repertoire includes a fantastic collection, from nostalgic standards from the '30s and '40s through favorites of the '50s, '60s and '70s, to up-to-the-minute hits. We also offer a great selection of songs from popular musicals."

Kenny Simon's 23 years of musical leadership has made him a pro at reading his audience. "I always consult with clients before the event, and as a band leader I can help plan the best selection for the occasion."

The Hourglass Orchestra has performed around town with well known entertainers — including The Manhattan Transfer, The Nylons, The Merryman of Barbados and Juno Award winner Michelle Wright. They

have played at thousands of weddings, bar and bat mitzvot and conventions, including one attended by HRH Prince Philip.

In 1989 the band produced an original Kenny Simon record — *Never Get Hooked on Me* and *I Never Will Let You Go* — that hit the charts and played on radios across the country.

The Hourglass Orchestra has also developed one of the most lively stage presentations of any band. Kenny says, "Not only do we sound great, we're fun to watch!" His three front vocalists lead the antics with expertly-staged characterizations and choreography.

Kenny Simon says the key to the Hourglass Orchestra's success is not only in crowd pleasing, it's having excellent, well-rehearsed musicians and the best sound equipment available. He's gathered some of the finest musicians and vocalists in North America to form the band.

To meet the needs of smaller parties, Simon founded the Crescendo Band a few years ago. Crescendo has enjoyed success with many weddings, bar mitzvot, anniversaries, and engagement parties.

Kenny Simon says he is truly happiest when performing with his band and seeing everyone enjoying themselves. "I love what I do. It's in my blood. I can't think of anything that I would enjoy doing more for at least the next 23 years."

Play it again, Kenny.

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"After becoming engaged, Lorne and I couldn't wait to register. Because of the great service we received as customers, we knew we would register only at Bronson's."

Michelle Feldman,

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Glamorous garments

Never forgetting the bride, Betty and her competent staff are able to outfit the entire bridal party in either up-to-the minute fashions or traditional gowns. Particular attention is paid to their needs and desires and if the store does not carry exactly what they want it can be ordered or

even custom made for them. Betty stresses that even if a bride has a picture or a drawing of a particular garment, she will go out of her way to accommodate her.

Top-notch alterations

The wedding will dazzle with gowns of crepe, gorgette, silk and satin. For a more casual affair, an off-white, two-piece pois de sois suit will be sure to make a hit. Fit is of the utmost importance to the entire staff and with top-notch alterationists on the premises, no one leaves the store until they look perfect. With sizes ranging from 4 to 20, there is something in the store for everyone.

What more could anyone ask for than high fashion, good quality and good prices? The store is located at Steeles and Bathurst with plenty of parking and public transportation nearby; everyone can get there easily.

At Betty Kestenberg's you'll be pleasantly surprised and all your needs will be looked after in a pleasant atmosphere.

The trend setters continue on...

If you're planning a party or a special event, The Shelley Miller Band is definitely the right choice if you want to keep your guests entertained with fun, laughter and music all night long.

With over 25 years of experience in the music industry, Miller will continue to lead the original band members, with the exception of partner Saul Helman who has decided to pursue other career interests.

The band consists of Miller as manager, bandleader and bass player, and features his talented wife Sharon Smith-Miller, Jim Gillard and Robin Langdon as lead vocalists, along with other vocalist/musicians on drums, guitar, keyboards and saxophone.

Depending on the size of your party and your budget, you can have the size of the band customized to suit your needs.

"Whether it's a wedding, bar mitzvah, anniversary, engagement, birthday or a corporate function, we know and understand just how important these special events are for both you and your guests," says Miller.

"We're here to make sure everyone will walk away with fond memories that will last a lifetime."

The Shelley Miller Band offers you fully rehearsed professional musicians and state-of-the-art instruments, lighting and sound equipment. They also provide one of the largest rosters of songs on the

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Miller says: "We try to encourage family and friends to sing special songs at these parties, but we do appreciate advance notice, so that we can rehearse with them prior to the event. We really enjoy making everyone's dreams come true."

"It is important to see and hear for yourself what you are about to buy. That's why we offer our clients the opportunity to come to one of the events we are playing at, while keeping in mind that the music is customized to meet the desires and needs of each party."

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"that kind of a trend where the skirts are not as busy as they have been in the past," explains Sam. But for those that dream of a traditional dress — train, bustle and all — there is always the satin dress, something that never goes out of style.

Occasion dressing

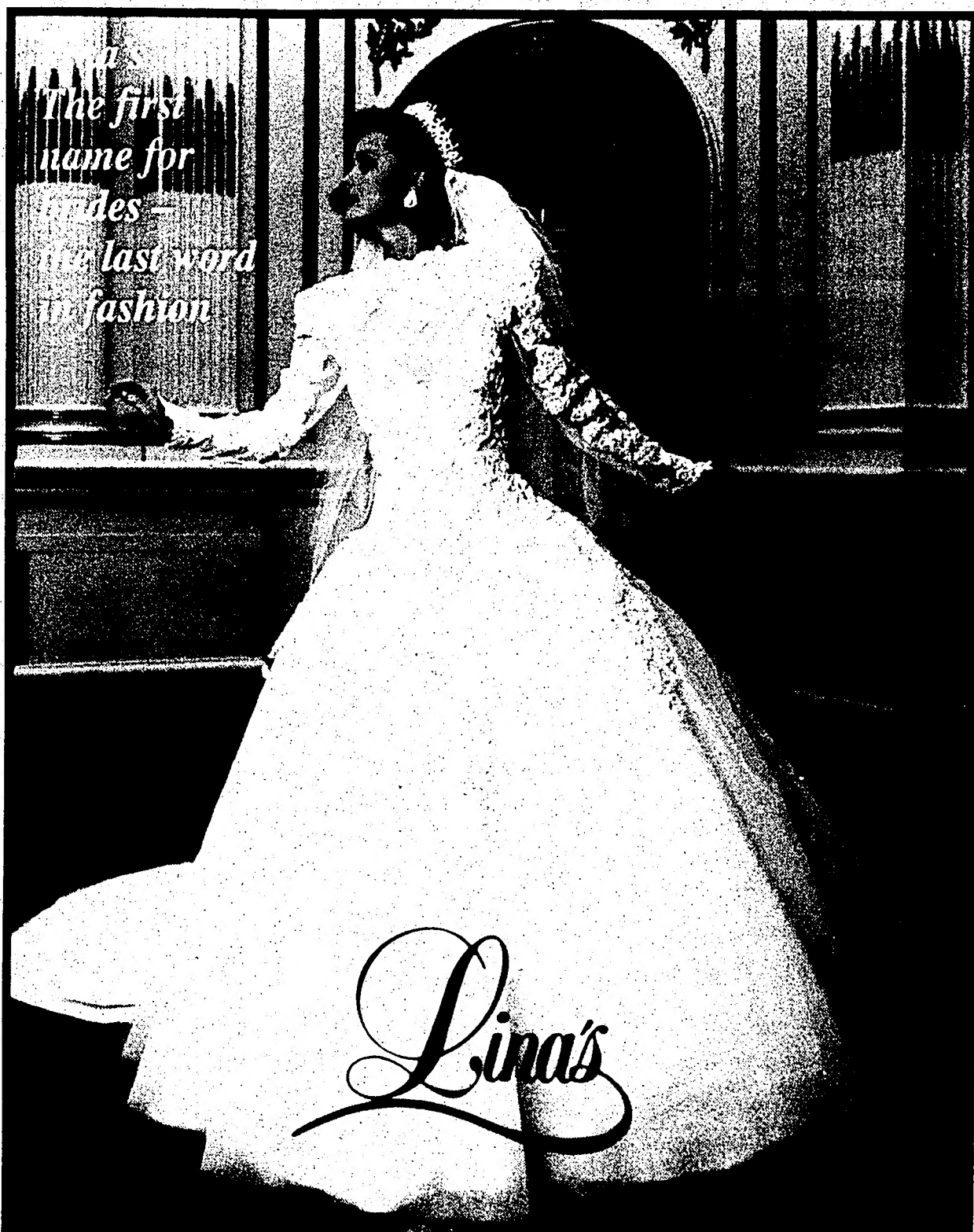
Lina's Bridal Boutique also carries garments for those surrounding the bride on her special day. They can provide an elegant suit for the mother of the bride, as well as wedding guests. They can also cater to the mature or second-time bride. Their speciality is really occasion dressing.

It is advised that a wedding dress be chosen 4-6 months before the wedding and that one call for an appointment because a room is logged in for trying on gowns. A member of Lina's attentive staff will arrange to work with the bride-to-be.

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Parties at the Estates of Sunnybrook are elegant with fine food, excellent service and lovely surroundings. Michael Potters, executive chef at McLean House, and former chef of Augerge Gavroche and Le Bistango adds that special touch to dinners that make them unforgettable.

Cocktail buffets are an excellent way to offer guests a variety of sumptuous foods and, under the direction of Potters, the buffets are

nothing short of exquisite. The Sante Fe Buffet includes such delicacies as blue corn shrimp tamales with red chile sauce; Sante Fe salmon salad; goat cheese; sundried tomatoes and fresh herb rellenos with tomatillo salsa and octopus and cactus salad.

An Italian buffet could include bruschetta with tomatoes and arugula, stuffed pasta squares with ricotta and spinach or roasted capon salad. Among other items on the dairy buffet are salmon baked in sea salt, grilled tuna, green onion and radicchio salad and mushroom terrine with eggplant and sweet bell peppers.

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Why rent when you can buy a tux from Moores?

Moores The Suit People, with five new stores opening this month, has grown from one store in 1980 to 85 stores today. Moores has prospered by offering a huge selection of quality Canadian-made merchandise at everyday low prices. They carry Canada's largest selection of suits, sportcoats, dress shirts and dress pants as well as a vast array of special occasion lines.

Moores provides an exciting and fresh alternative to the age-old custom of renting a tuxedo. "Why rent when you can own your own new tuxedo?" asks co-owner Ron Prosserman.

Classic black

Tailored in classic black with satin lapels and buttons, the Moores tuxedo will lend elegance to any special occasion. For weddings, formal, proms or graduations, it is Canada's best tuxedo value. States Prosserman, "the quality is superb. It is hand finished and available in either single- or double-breasted styling. We fit all sizes from 36-48 regular, short, tall or portly. If you require oversize 50-54, single breasted is only \$229.50."

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Understated elegance

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The Nail Room — your one-stop beauty shop

When you want to stretch out, relax and enjoy the luxury of being pampered, The Nail Room offers a respite from the hustle and bustle of your everyday world. At 385 John St., between Bayview and Aileen, Chana Shevel and Carol Steyn offer nail and beauty treatments in the mirrored intimacy of a small, uncluttered pink and white setting.

Four qualified nail technicians are on hand to provide a range of services from fibreglass nails and silk wrappings to natural gel coatings and extensions. A trained esthetician offers manicures, pedicures and waxing. The atmosphere is friendly, says Chana, who with partner Carol took over the shop last May. People enjoy chatting over coffee as they move from station to station.

Brides are welcome to come in for consultation a few weeks before the wedding to make sure their hands look beautiful for the important day. The Nail Room technicians can advise them how to care for their nails and prevent any damage before the event. Chana also encourages brides to bring in the entire wedding party for manicures. "When you do, we offer the bride's manicure for free," she says.

Sunbeds are new at The Nail Room this season. Using only UVB rays, which do not burn the skin, and controlled to tan for only 20-minute periods, the sunbeds are a perfectly safe way to get that golden glow! You can use the beds to prepare for those sunny vacation days, or to

maintain your tan once the holiday is over.

If you want a glow for a special occasion and don't want to tan your whole body, a facial sunbed will provide color on your face, neck and shoulders.

Diversified selection

If you're not sure how much tanning your skin can handle, expert staff are on hand to consult with you and tailor a program to meet your specific needs.

"We're also introducing cosmetics this season," says Chana. "And whether it's for a new fashion look or a special occasion, The Nail Room will offer full makeovers."

Another interesting aspect of The Nail Room is its diversified selection of gifts created by the local community. "Many of our clients are very talented, and we offer their work for sale," says Chana. "Our range of wares includes artistic arrangements of candies and innovative jewelry."

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Boutique targets love nests of the 90s

For many, the '90s represents a return to the comforts of home. In response to this bunker mentality, the husband-and-wife team of Lisa and Paul Rosen have recently hatched Nestings, a new home furnishings store that emphasizes natural lived-in comfort.

The 1,500-sq. ft. store, located at 1609 Bayview Ave. in Toronto, offers folks a relaxed, homey atmosphere. Styles include a mixture of country, southwest, rustic, mission, antique and contemporary furniture and crafts with an eclectic mix-and-match flavor. Nestings carries everything from folk art and giftware to dining and living room furniture.

It seems a new sense of domesticity has engulfed North Americans. The rise in cottage industries, comfort food, home offices and home entertaining is evidence of the ever growing back-to-basics cocooning trend.

Newlyweds

People are renovating, redecorating and rediscovering their homes as the place to express their individuality and lifestyle. For newlyweds, this is a great place to start furnishing their first little love-nest. "We offer a '90s alternative to the large impersonal uniform department store," says Lisa. "Consumer trends are showing that people are demanding less standardization and

more standards of excellence."

Most of the furniture is produced by Lisa in conjunction with local artists and woodworkers. This allows customers to order unique Canadian-made furniture that can be custom designed to their individual color and spatial needs.

Reasonable prices

"Strong customer service and good value are essential these days," say Lisa and Paul. "We believe you shouldn't have to be rich to afford good taste. We offer a wide spectrum of price points to meet almost any budget." Nestings carries a painted pine harvest table for \$990 and a mahogany original designed by a local woodworker for \$2,100. Armoires range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and accessories from \$3 to \$300.

Some of the accessories customers will find at Nestings include wrought iron candelabras, dried flowers, hand-painted pottery, rugs, tableware, native art, throw pillows, picture frames, natural soaps, candles and folk art. All make terrific wedding gifts.

Comfort is the key at Nestings. Combining home furnishings with style at reasonable prices, Nestings provides customers with a friendly atmosphere to shop for their own personalized nests.

Documentary Style Wedding Videos a Hit

Looking for something truly unique in your wedding video? Something more than hamming it up for the camera, posed handshakes and pasted-on smiles?

Nick Marciano's new "documentary style" wedding videos offer an interesting alternative. They edit out the standard waving and posing, and leave in all the good stuff you desperately want edited out. That's right folks — blemishes and all.

Candid glimpses

It all started when a friend asked Marciano to videotape his wedding. Marciano agreed, on one condition: that he be allowed to film the proceedings his way.

"His way" meant filming an argument between father and son about the price of a tux — and **leaving it in**. It meant showing mother and daughter bickering about the length of the bridal gown. It meant catching the blushing bride in mid-hairdo, curlers and all. It meant capturing and **keeping** all the embarrassing moments that are censored from the typical wedding video "yawners".

But the beauty and the joy of traditional moments are there too: the placing of the ring, the groom carrying his bride across the threshold, a father bearhugging his son. Showing "the good, the bad and the ugly" gives the film an authenticity that makes it a timeless treasure-chest of memories. Says Marciano: "Ten years from now, when you pop it in your VCR, you'll be watching **your** wedding video — not a wedding video that could be anyone's. It's like watching your favourite movie — but you're starring in it."

The couple who "starred" in his



pioneering video were thrilled, and the new genre is attracting other couples eager for a refreshing alternative and willing to "bare their souls" to the camera.

Advanced techniques

Marciano has a wealth of experience in film production, and it shows. The final product is a richly-textured, musically scored docu-drama using advanced video and sound techniques normally found in major motion pictures. And it's competitively priced, despite the obvious extra time and effort involved.

Through his company, Nicholas films, Marciano offers a complete video production service to business and industry. But his new-genre wedding videos are rapidly becoming his pet project. It's easy to star in one — just be yourself.

Clients interested in seeing one of these videos can contact Nicholas Films at 850-9417.

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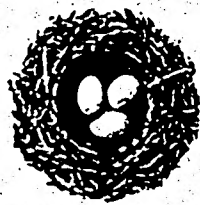
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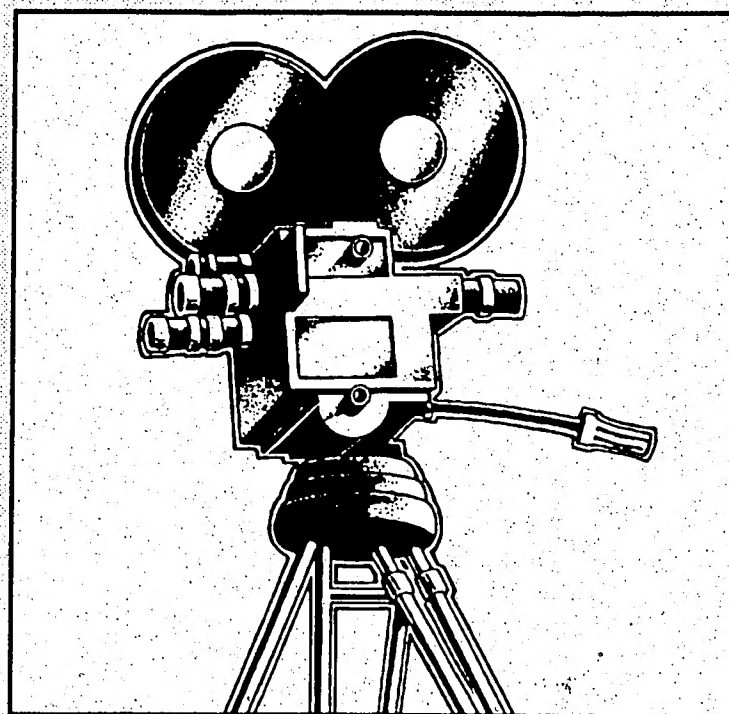


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Nu-Rhythm Band hits the bar mitzvah circuit

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"We try to please our clients in any way possible, with a new type of feel," says Isaac.

The concept of his band is to get good quality performers onto the wedding/bar mitzvah circuit. He always seeks the best person for the job by hand picking top-notch musicians, locating them in the best night clubs in the city, like vocalists Mad-die Willis and Paul Christopher. Isaac himself play keyboards, and provides backup vocals. He used to play in his father Samuel's orchestra.

This band can play anything from a vast repertoire of styles and types of music, like Top 40 hits, contemporary, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, Israeli, Sephardic, klezmer, polka, waltzes, tangos, rap — and can sing in a variety of languages, from Russian to Spanish. For the bar mitzvah boy a customized rap number is composed and performed, and at the end of the evening he gets a copy of the piece. Whatever the age range or taste of the group at an affair, Isaac gears the program to the party.

Their rates are comparable with other bands in the city. The standard band would be eight pieces with a sound man to control sound quality. The Nu-Rhythm Band performs

the entire evening, with minimal time for breaks to provide virtually non-stop music. During dinner, renditions of Broadway tunes are performed beautifully as background, dinner music including selections from *Phantom*, *Les Misérables*, *Cats* and *Evita*. They will also work within a reasonable distance of Toronto.

Russian dancers

This band is very flexible, very willing to work with the hosts of a party. As Isaac explains, "we'll customize our music to the affair, do anything to satisfy their wishes. It's their simcha." Different types of singers, dancers and performers can be arranged to join the band, depending on preference and desire. In the past there have been flamenco and belly dancers, an Elvis impersonator and a troupe of Russian dancers (not all in one evening though).

Isaac adds, "we would like to entertain our guests." In any party, there are always the sitters; "the more they're entertained, the more fun they'll have. We offer a fresh, different outlook, and value for the money."

To find out more about the Nu-Rhythm Band, call 882-5044.

Montreal's Ruby Foo's is an uptown surprise

Hotel Ruby Foo's has taken away one worry for the bride with a thousand details to fuss over. A simcha package, providing rooms for groups of out-of-town guests, takes the burden off the bride in making hotel arrangements.

Designed for a block of a minimum of 10 rooms, a reservation card is mailed out together with the invitation to all out-of-town guests approximately eight weeks before the event. Guests then contact the hotel by return mail or toll-free number to confirm their reservations. A file is set up for each simcha, and personally handled to ensure that guests' special requests are looked after from the moment they arrive until the end of their stay, usually three to four days.

Joyce Kramer, sales manager for groups and banquets, emphasizes the 200-room hotel's location on Decarie Boulevard, plus the superb personalized service by experienced staff, as the central reason for the hotel's longstanding success. The simcha package is an added reason for the hotel's success with its Jewish clientele: guests are provided with written directions to the synagogue, and the Ruby Foo's staff, attuned to the special needs of its Jewish clientele, can direct guests to other Jewish services.

Hospitality suites at the four-star hotel are named for exotic Far Eastern capitals — Manila, Jakarta, Tokyo — in keeping with the graceful blend of Chinese and Japanese decor for which Ruby Foo's is renowned. The suites, all equipped with sofa bed, turn-down Murphy bed, dining room table, working desk and modern Oriental artwork, are used by many simcha parties as a central gathering place where guests convene to relax, take a drink, share a laugh or two, and



meet other guests both prior and after the simcha.

Kramer blocks guests' rooms around a hospitality suite when the suite has been booked by the host and hostess, an added touch which contributes to the warmth of a simcha.

Totally renovated since 1990, with enormous Chinese vases gracing the plum and pastel lobby, the hotel is constantly upgraded in keeping with its status. New carpets were laid down in August, and the lobby has been redone.

The softly elegant pastel-shaded rooms are also one foot wider than standard hotel rooms, adding to the spacious feeling which permeates the hotel.

Free parking is available at the hotel.

"Even though we are a hotel, we provide the comfort and service of an inn," smiles Kramer, whose previous experience as a party organizer has made her aware of the importance of giving top-notch, worry-free service to patrons.

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A successful and memorable wedding begins in The Park Plaza Hotel itself. Ceremonies taking place in the Roof Salon are breathtaking and the receptions following in any one of the downstairs ballrooms are impressive.

"Whether you are planning a wedding reception, engagement party or rehearsal dinner," says Amy Shubert, food and beverage manager, Naomi Chan (catering manager) or Lisa Adelson (catering co-ordinator) will offer their expertise to arrange your special occasion to your taste and requirements. The Park Plaza has an established kosher kitchen which is capable of catering for 30 to 300 guests. Both Chan and Adelson are available to help you select a classic gourmet menu, a traditional kosher meal or give advice on wine.

This Bridal Show Open House offers a bride-to-be the perfect opportunity to be presented with all the essential services she needs for her wedding. For perfect pictures — Hudson Taylor Photography, for perfect floral arrangements — Florist Design by Karen Baker, for perfect limousine service — Rosedale Liv-ery. There will be representation from wedding cakes (Celebrity Cakes), jewelry (Royal de Versailles), wedding gowns (Douglas

Honeymoon package

Thompson), tuxedo rentals (Freeman Formal), gifts and registry, bonbonieres, and a bridal consultant. To accent the ambience of the show, The Alan Cohen Orchestra will be performing.

As an added bonus, one lucky couple will receive a complimentary Honeymoon Package from The Park Plaza Hotel just for attending the show.

Cover your event with a Pike's tent

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Air conditioning and heating, pin spot table lighting and chandeliers, French window wall, draped side poles, carpeting, canopy walkways, caterer's tents, bistro chairs and tables for two to 20 are only a few of the options waiting for you to explore. Pike's has it all and is ready to make your event the most special day of your life.

And when the special day finally arrives, you can rest assured with the knowledge that Pike's is available 24 hours a day for those last-minute details and challenges.

Ensures comfort

Pike's tents are available in a range of sizes from 10 by 10 feet and extending up to 80 by 160 feet. As a general rule, a sit-down dinner will require approximately 12 square feet per person. This does not include space for a dance floor, band or cocktail area but ensures comfort for a seated meal. For a cocktail reception, approximately 10 square feet per person gives ample room for the bar, the odd table with chairs, and mingling. Your choice of tents will depend on what type of function you wish to host and how large your garden is. It is always a good idea to consult with your caterer and an experienced representative from Pike's for the best results.

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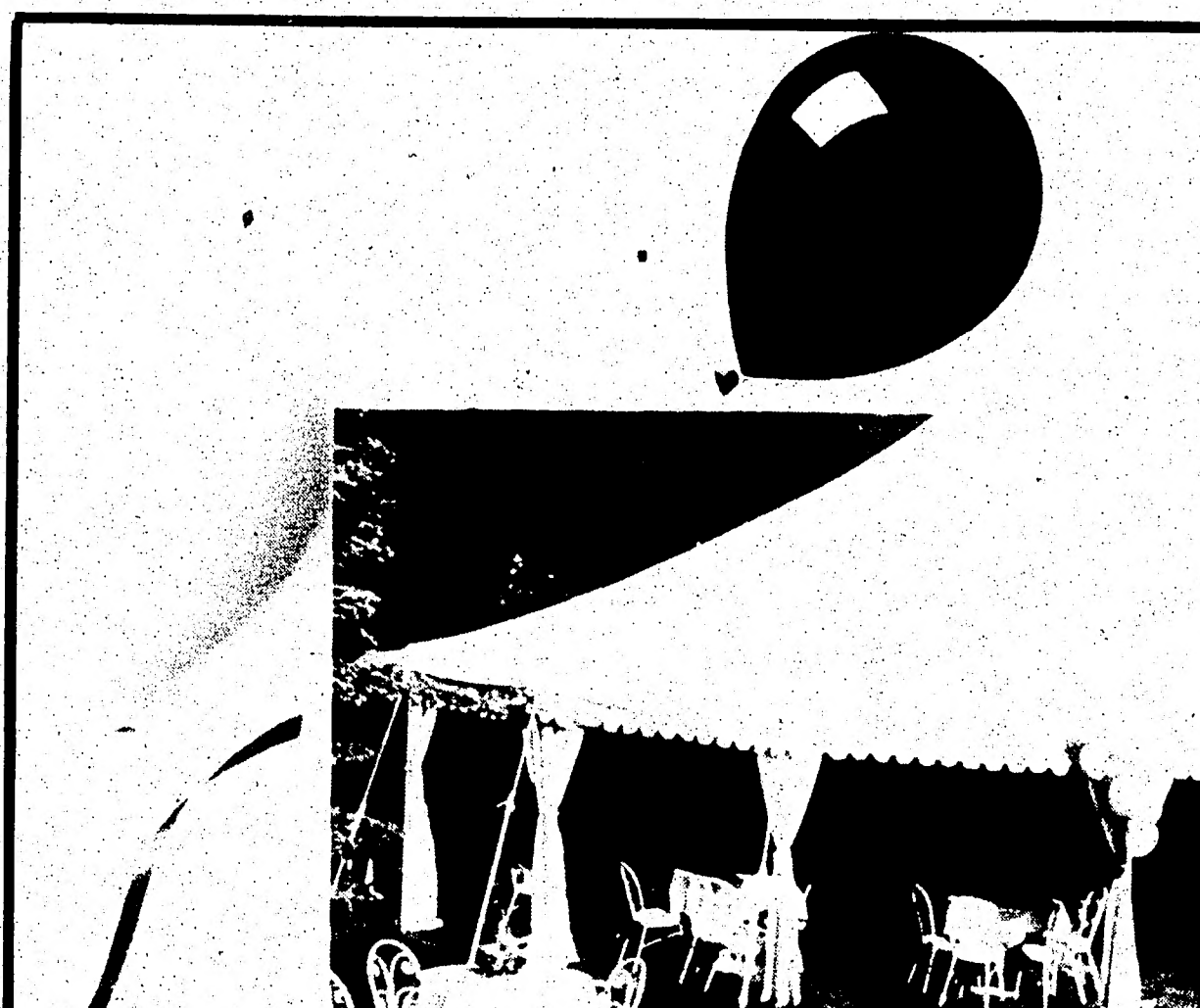
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Richard Saunders is pleased to announce that he has formed a video production company dedicated to the excellence of special event videography. Redstone specializes in weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and family parties.

In 1989 Saunders started out as videographer for Hudson Taylor Studios. He was also responsible for overseeing all video production.

This past April, Saunders took over the assets of Hudson Taylor Video, including all the production facilities. From that point on, he began producing videos independently.

Saunders says: "Hudson and I still have a close relationship because we're serving the same clientele."

Completely customized

Videos from Redstone Pictures are completely customized according to the clients' preferences. Clients can choose to begin their wedding video with baby pictures of the bride and groom, or include any

other material they would like to see.

Redstone's graphics department also customizes backgrounds and graphics. Logos or graphics from invitations, for example, can be used in the background of the video.

Reflects taste

Redstone believes high quality sound is of the utmost importance. They offer wireless microphones and while taping they run two audio channels to guarantee perfect sound.

Redstone also uses state-of-the-art equipment, shooting in Betacam and SVHS format.

After Redstone shoots your simcha, you will see the unedited tape. "We like to review the tape with the client," says Saunders. "We want the clients involved as much as possible in the production because we believe that is the only way it will reflect their taste."

It is just that kind of attention to the clients' needs that makes Redstone Pictures unique. To discuss the making a video of the next special event in your life, call 256-4666.

Professional Staff will Help to Plan a Memorable Wedding

The Regal Constellation Hotel's professional staff is available to assist you in the total planning of your wedding. The hotel has been committed to the kosher market since 1966, and now the staff includes a dedicated catering sales manager.

From the moment customers make their first telephone call to the catering office, the bride, groom and family are immediately and efficiently assisted in formalizing plans for their special day. The catering staff is able to advise and arrange for bridal services, including florists, photographers, musicians, and clergy. Most important, they provide all catering through their own kitchen and qualified culinary staff.

Two areas of the hotel have skylights under which a chupah can stand. These skylights electronically open and give the illusion of an outdoor wedding. There is nothing more beautiful than getting married under the stars, even in the winter. This setting adds elegance to a wedding. Arrangements can be made to use areas such as the indoor pool garden and waterfall for memorable wedding photographs.

The hotel can accommodate parties of 200 to 2,000 people, and the kosher kitchen offers cus-

tomized menu planning. Staff are extremely receptive to the client's special requests, and will be happy to arrange a meeting with the culinary and catering teams in order for you to voice all your requirements.

Attentive staff

Favourite dishes on the menu include roast prime rib of beef forestière, breast of chicken with fresh thyme and profiteroles with raspberry sauce. The Regal Constellation Hotel will ensure that its catering staff is available to you during the entire simcha for a memorable reception and wedding.

In addition to pleasing the guests by catering to their special dietary needs, the Regal Constellation offers very comfortable rooms and luxury bridal suites for visitors staying in the hotel. Hotel staff will "go the extra mile" to make your stay as comfortable as possible, from beginning to end. They want your wedding to be something you will always remember with warm thoughts.

The Regal Constellation is easily accessible from all major highways in the area, and is close to the airport.

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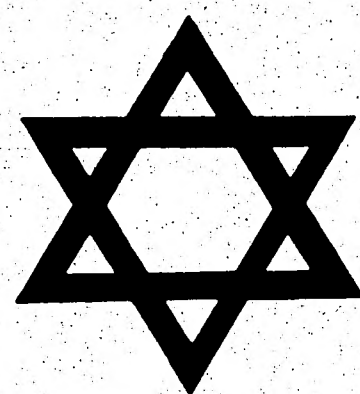
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Ritché presents Premiere Showing

Jack Ritché is a prominent Canadian designer with over forty years experience creating gowns for celebrities, dignitaries and thousands of brides.

He currently operates two family run bridal salons which feature exclusive Ritché designs and top Canadian and Import designer collections.

In a recent discussion with Jack Ritché he explains that little has changed in over forty years of catering to beautiful brides. He explains "brides still want a wide selection of styles to choose from, the finest of materials from around the world and most importantly they want to feel pampered."

The two Ritché bridal salons have an incredible selection. Ritché boasts that over 1,000 wedding gowns gives brides the best to choose from. They feature a wide range of fabrics including tulle, organzas, satins and silks. The wide range of fabrics enable Ritché to cater to every type of wedding, from traditional to very simple cocktail dresses. In fact "this year mini dresses made from imported French and Swiss lace have made a comeback from the 60s."

In addition to their designer bridal collections, Ritché still creates beautiful custom bridal gowns. From a combination of styles, from a photograph or from a brides imagination, Ritché can create an incredible gown created especially for the bride to be.

As for brides on a budget, Ritché

explains, "we cater to all price ranges. In today's economy we purchase our styles carefully in order to offer the best value available on the bridal market. We also carry a large selection of special promotion and clearance dresses for both our locations."

The two stores also have a large selection of flowergirl and bridesmaids dresses in addition to all the necessary bridal accessories. The Avenue Road location features an entire floor of mothers dresses, evening gowns, suits and party dresses. The store now features many stylish dresses for younger mothers.

As for exciting news for the 1993-1994 season, Ritché is very proud to be presenting the world premiere of the Alfred Sung Bridal collection. The stunning gowns will be featured at the Toronto Bridal Show at the Queen Elizabeth Building at the C.N.E. on October 1st to 3rd.

The collection will then be available for brides to try on as of October 4th at both Ritché locations.

When asked to what he attributes his longevity in the bridal business, Ritché instantly answers, "Ritché's success has been our customers satisfaction," with a motto like that it is no wonder brides keep coming back to Ritché.

Ritché is located at: 1662 Avenue Road (south of Hwy. 401) 789-4378. Bridal salon by appointment. 423 Richmond Street West (at Spadina Avenue) 362-2349. No appointment necessary.

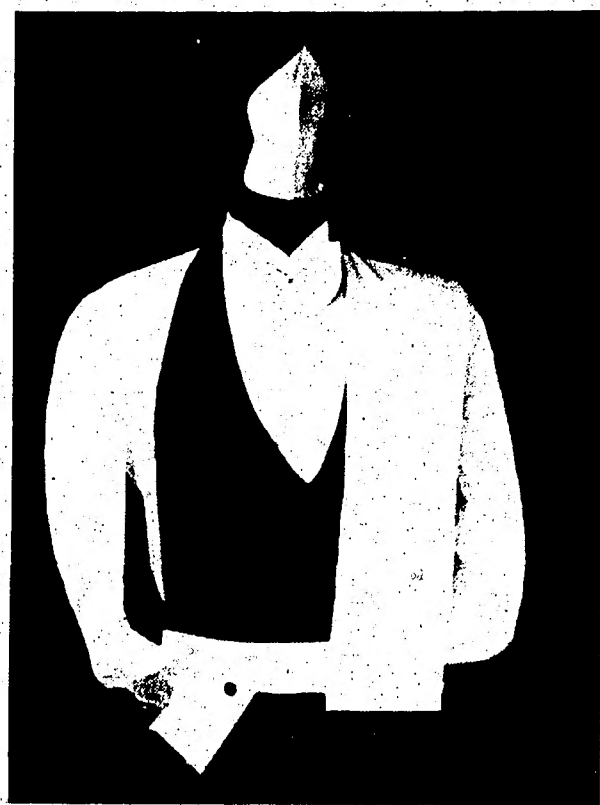
Santostefano boutique offers wedding attire

Canada's first and Toronto's only Santostefano Boutique opened in Yorkville almost a year ago, and since then, the company has been taking the bridal market by storm.

The boutique specializes in custom-made orders direct from Italy for bridal wedding attire. You can choose from over 100 samples of silks and cotton for cummerbunds, bow ties evening vests and tuxedo shirts that will make your wedding day extra special.

A specialty store of exclusive silk ties and accessories, the pieces are all hand-finished by master artisans in Italy.

Santostefano is one of the very few manufacturers today who produce a totally hand-made tie. Their fine quality products are distributed around the world under their own label and that of renown designers and retailers.



tional selection of designs, patterns and color combinations are personally mastermind by owner/founder Italo Ferretti. Only the finest silks are used. Each color must be baked onto the fabrics at the exact temperature for precisely the right time, to capture and maintain the brilliance and subtlety that make each design take on a character of its own.

Canada's flagship store is the first of a number of such boutiques that will feature the complete gamma of Santostefano fine silk products and accessories. Santostefano Brazil has already been opened and the Montreal location was officially launched on Sept. 8. Other locations to be opened in the near future are Mexico City, New York and Chicago.

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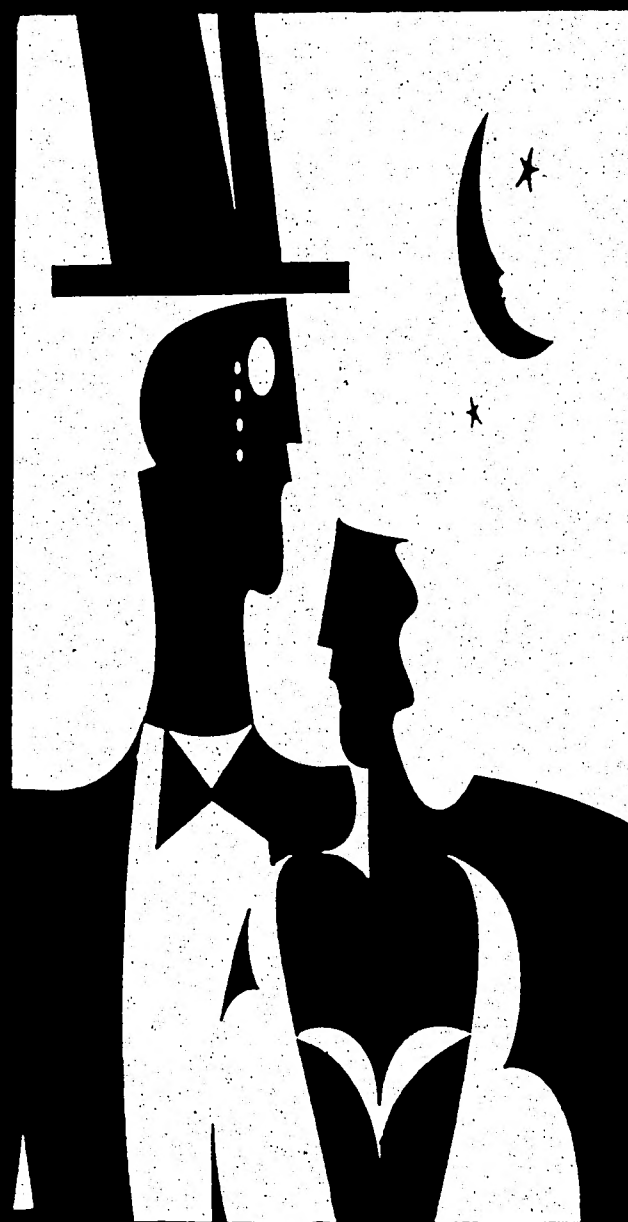
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Sweet York Desserts offers specialty cakes for all occasions

At Sweet York Desserts, a bakery located at Beth Tzedec Synagogue owners Sharon Firestone and Euclides Batista have been baking specialty cakes and desserts for weddings, bar mitzvahs, anniversaries, birthdays, and every other imaginable festivity for the past seven years.

Exquisite wedding designs

Their list of specialties include wedding cakes shaped as an exquisite lace handled basket of flowers and bar mitzvah theme cakes. Chocolate mousse, apricot, mocha and lemon tortes; fresh fruit flans; chocolate berry boxes and Gateau St. Honore are just a sampling of what is available. A wide assortment of cookies and miniature pastries are just some of the other products baked by Sweet York.

To add extra style for their customers, Sweet York Desserts have acquired the artistic talents of Linda Thomas of Cake Artistry by Linda after spotting the cake maestro's culinary wizardry at a bridal show. Linda brings to us a special talent in working with rolled fondant and special icings such as the wedding bow cake as pictured. Her repertoire also includes Ferraris, Las Vegas Slot Machines, Elvis and the Jewelled Telephone which are now also available in kosher through Sweet York Desserts.

Thomas's dramatic, visionary cake designs are specially created during private consultations, arranged by appointment only, where she asks clients questions about their individual lifestyle to determine what will make their occasion special. "They'll tell me about themselves and my pen starts to zip and zoom" enthuses Linda. "Each cake is a thrill for us, it's always so different" she adds.

Once the design has been finalized, the customer then chooses the flavor for their creation. "Taste is always a challenge with kosher cakes and we strive to maintain our high quality using only the finest ingredients" says Sharon.

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Stuart also shoots bar and bat mitzvahs and family, children's and executive portraits, always providing the same conscientious and personal service.

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"Thank you for preparing our wedding cake," a recently married couple said in a letter to Sue Davor of Sweet Sue Pastries. "The white cake with its fillings of orange, hazelnut and chocolate was as delicious as it was beautiful."

"It looked wonderful in the photographs. Our guests loved it. Thank you for providing the sweetest flourish to our wedding dinner."

Sue Devor, also known as Sweet Sue, has a reputation for making wedding cakes that get a lot of "ooh's and ahhh's" for their artistry, but more important, lots of "mmm's" for their taste.

You can choose from among one of Devor's stunning styles for your wedding cake or, if you have your heart set on one you saw in a magazine, bring in the picture and Sweet Sue will do her best to duplicate it. All the wedding cakes are decorated with fresh flowers.

Devor makes either the traditional tiered cake or the more contemporary individual cakes displayed on stands of various heights. Sheet cakes are also available, easy to serve and travel well if your wedding is out of town.

Traditionally wedding cakes were made of dark fruitcake. There are many choices today but at Sweet Sue's fruitcake is not one of them!

Instead she offers delicious alternatives, including chocolate devil's food cake, white pound cake, almond cake, or any other flavor you wish. A large selection of tempting fillings include chocolate mousse, raspberry cream and Grand Marnier buttercream or any special flavor of your choice. There are also a variety of icings available.

"I use only the highest-quality in-

gredients — imported white chocolate, pure chocolate, fresh whipping cream, pure sweet butter, fresh eggs, and the best quality hazelnuts, almonds and pecans," she says.

Before the baking begins Sweet Sue consults with each customer. The size of your cake will depend on the number of guests attending your wedding and whether or not your cake is to be part of a sweet table.

If you decide on a sweet table, Sweet Sue will do a custom assortment of pastries — a pleasure to look at and a pleasure to eat.

Fresh cakes and pastries are baked everyday at Sweet Sue's plant and delivered to her six stores in Metropolitan Toronto. Customer favourites include chocolate raspberry cake and fresh fruit torte. Cakes for all special occasions can be made to order. Delivery is available.

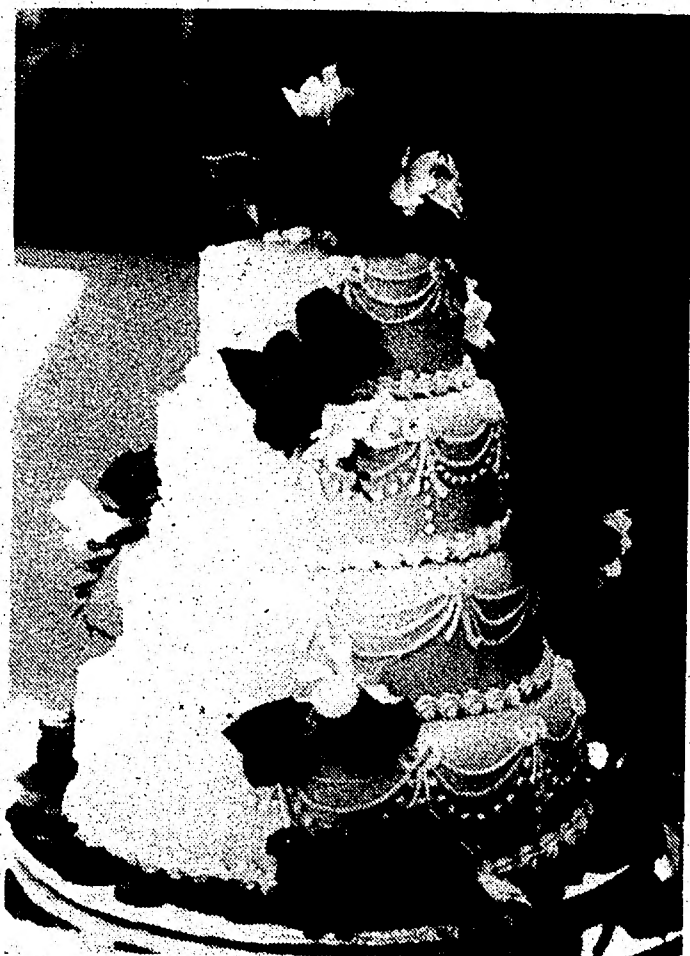
Sweet Sue Pastries is celebrating 10 years in business this year. Devor, a Forest Hill mother of five, got her start in take out in 1981 when a friend who was opening a restaurant asked her to bake desserts.

Cheryl, Devor's oldest daughter, now 26, is the manager of the operation, including their 3,500-sq. ft. plant. Karen, number two daughter, is managing Sweet Sue pastries in the Eaton Centre. Seventeen-year-old Steven, Devor's youngest child, also works part-time.

Devor's recipes have been featured in books and magazines and she regularly appears on radio and TV.

She is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a degree in social work (go figure!).

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All this, of course, is in addition to the services of the hotel itself, which includes an Olympic-sized pool, gourmet restaurants and bars, and cinemas. Guests can spend a whole weekend, or several days without having to wonder what to do with their time.

The hotel has recently undergone a \$47-million renovation, which included \$6 million to make the Grand Ballroom even more splendid. The Dominion Ballroom, adorned with spectacular chandeliers, has been redecorated in rich, warm colors of blue, gold and teal.

The Sheraton has had kosher facilities since 1985. There is a separate kosher kitchen (so it is not necessary to make the regular kitchen kosher for each event) with its own china and flatware. The experienced and talented chefs offer creative and flexible menus to suit any taste. Both the kitchen and serving staffs are accustomed to dealing with kosher affairs, and can handle easily and professionally any concerns the customer may have.

Executive chef Heinz Wagner has been with the hotel since the inception of the kosher cooking services. A past president of the Escoffier

Club, an association of Toronto executive chefs, he has been instrumental in creating exciting kosher cuisine in the city.

A special feature of the Sheraton Centre is the two-acre outdoor waterfall area, which is perfect for summer weddings, or for the Orthodox couple who insist on an outdoor chupah. It is also a spectacular setting for photographs.

Pictures will also look terrific taken in the hotel lobby, the presidential or royal suites, or at the upstairs Pinnacle Lounge.

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Salon has gowns for plus-size brides

Jacqueline Hope, president of Big, Bold and Beautiful, has proven that fashion needn't be sacrificed for size.

Hope, herself a glamorous plus size began Big, Bold and Beautiful — a salon for women size 16 to 30+, after a humiliating search for a wedding gown.

"Buying a wedding gown is one of the most exciting times for a woman and its possibly one of the most expensive dress she will buy in her life. A bride should be treated very special."

Styling is the key when designing a plus-size gown and not anyone knows better than Hope what flatters a bride and what just won't work.

"The most popular style is a waist that drops to a V in the front. It really slims the hip line, makes the bodice look longer and proportions the figure better."

"With their round, fleshy shoulders, neck and chest, plus-size women look very pretty in V-neck or off-the-shoulder styles."

She says that brides coming into her salon are afforded luxuries not available at other bridal shops — for plus sizes.

"When I looked for my gown all I could do was hold small size dresses up in front of me and guess how they would fit. At Big, Bold and Beautiful, however, women have the opportunity to try on several gowns and they have access to personal consultations with knowledgeable staff, private change rooms, a relaxed atmosphere and best of all, the ability to try on a dress that zips up, in the back."



Glen Abbey Builds New Clubhouse

This fall Glen Abbey begins construction of a spectacular new clubhouse, opening in May of 1994, that will offer three banquet rooms with floor-to-ceiling glass walls.

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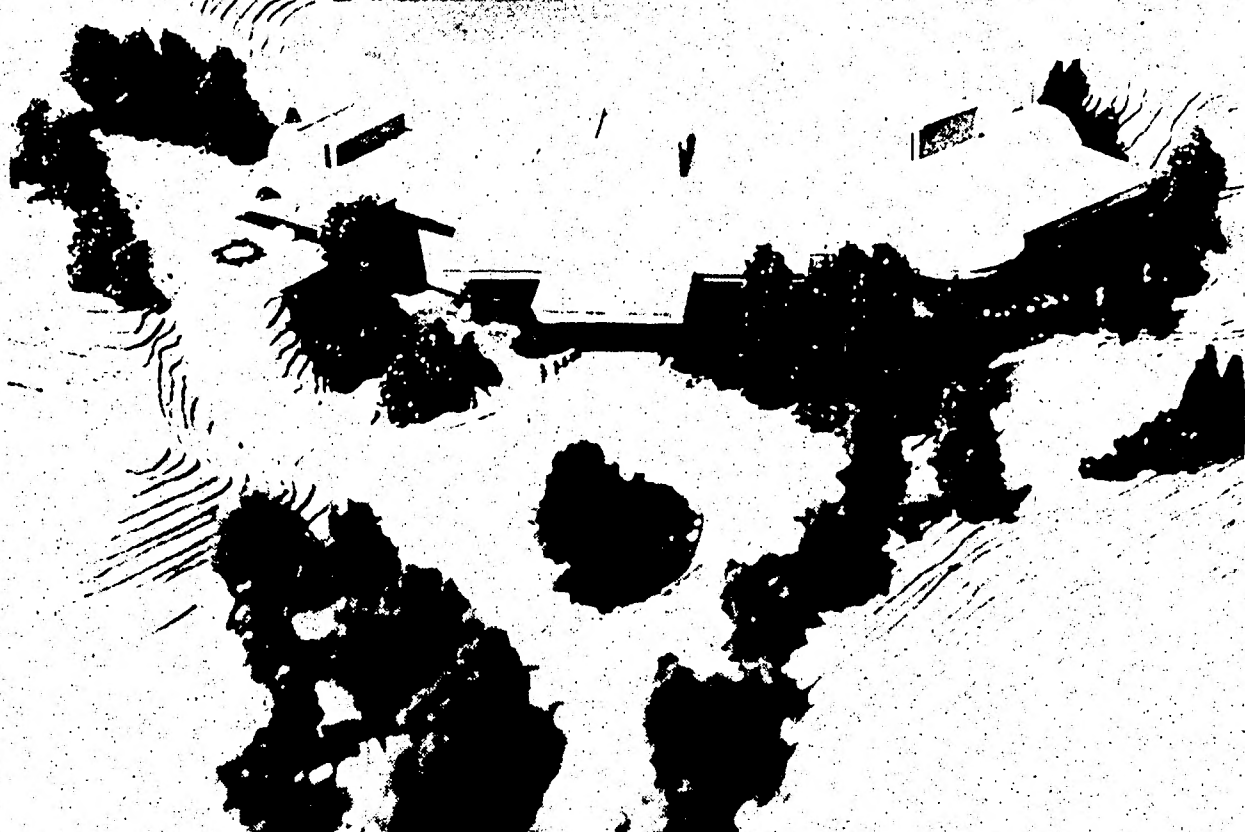
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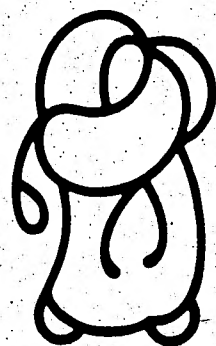
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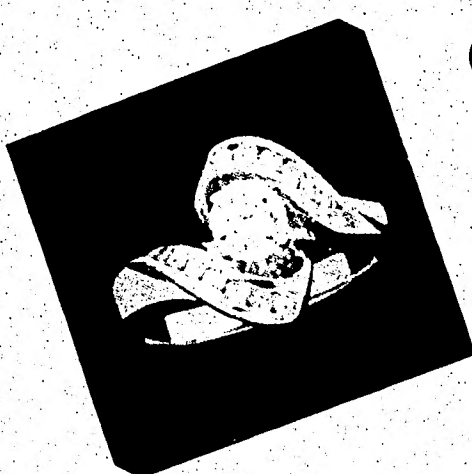
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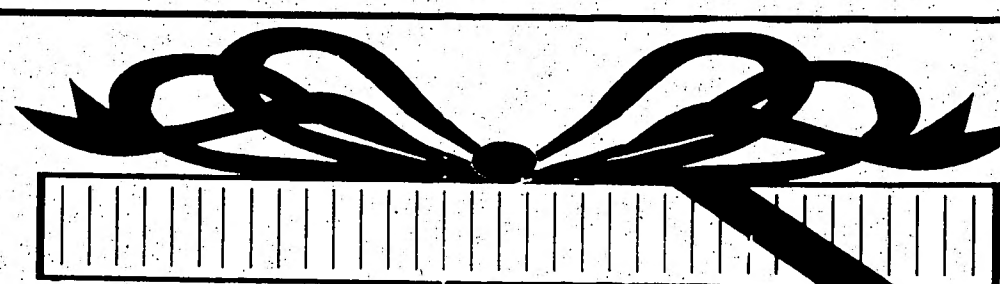
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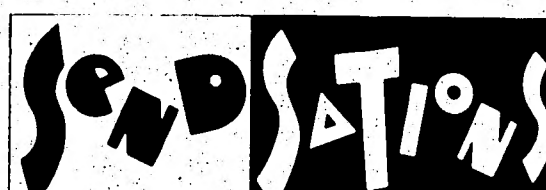
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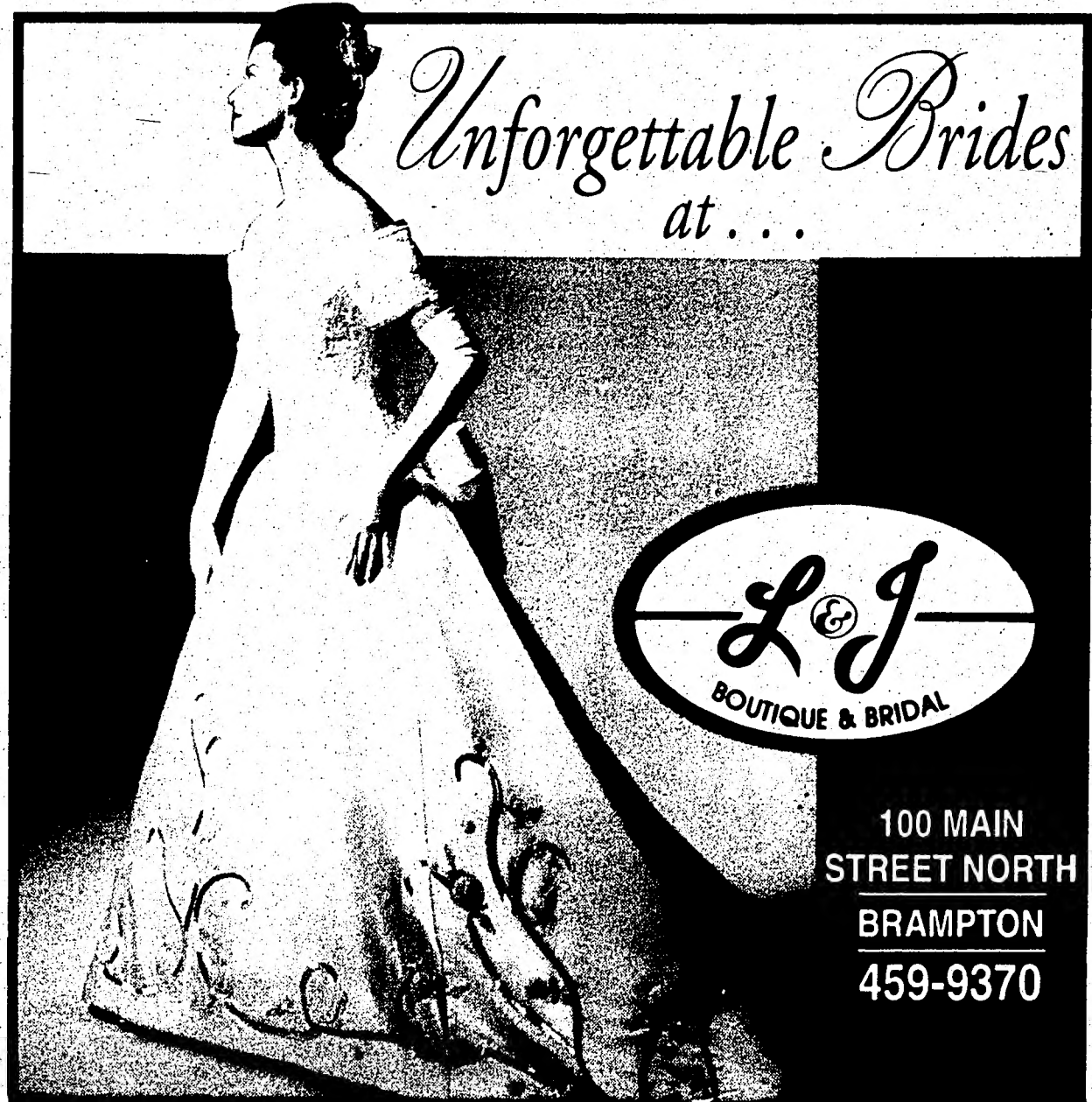


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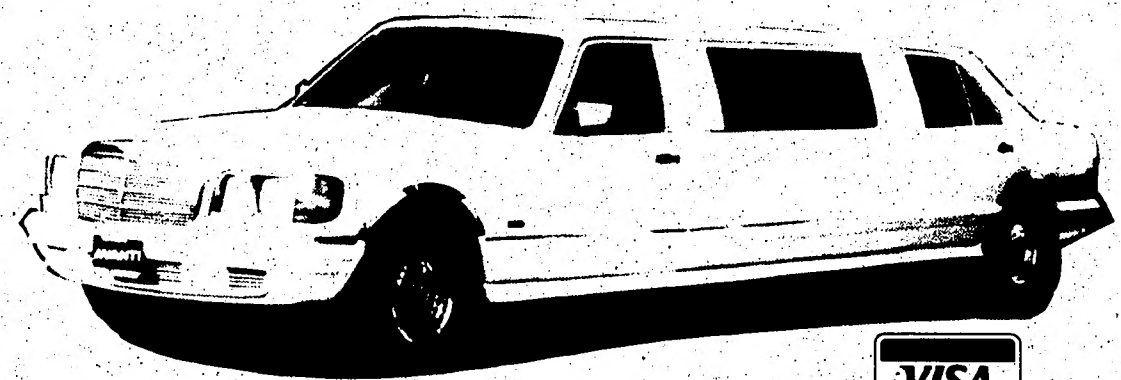


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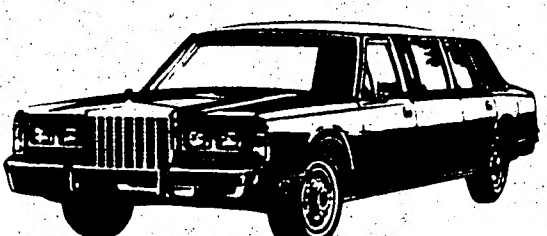
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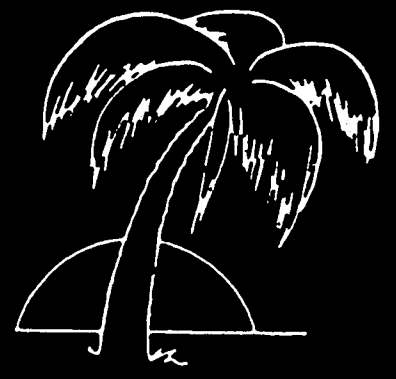
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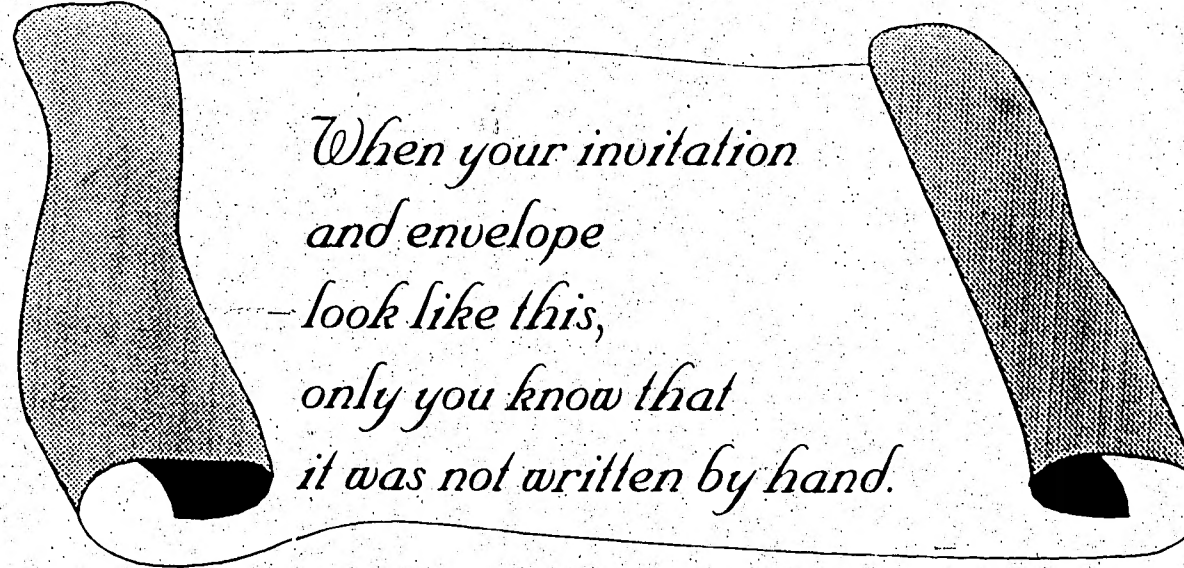
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